

Further, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has started pre-consultation process on “Telecom Towers and Related Issues” on 5th February, 2010, for seeking stakeholders comments. Based on the inputs received from stakeholders, TRAI is contemplating to float a consultation paper on the issues pertaining to telecom towers.

#### **Growth of cities**

† \*428. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cities are growing rapidly in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) the average annual growth rate of cities across the country during the last one decade; and
- (d) whether the pace of development of basic amenities is also speeding up along with growing urbanization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The process of urbanization is driven by demographic and economic factors and increasing urbanization is an indicator of economic growth.

(c) The average decadal growth rate for 1991-2001 for cities was 31.3% according to the Census of India.

(d) The rapidly growing urban population has led to tremendous pressure on civic infrastructure and essential services. As per the 54th round of the National Sample Survey, 9% of urban households were not being served either by tap or tube-well or hand pump. 26% households had no latrines. Out of total waste generated in the million plus cities, hardly 30% was treated before disposal.

#### **NIS trainers for States**

† \*429. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the services of National Institute of Sports (NIS) trained trainers are provided by Sports Authority of India for States;
- (b) if so, the reasons for discontinuing it now;
- (c) whether these services would be started again; and
- (d) whether Government is contemplating any scheme to get maximum achievement in the prevalent games of the States by giving intensive training to tribal boys and girls of 9 to 14 years for honing their hidden sports talent?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) provides coaches to State Governments

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under its State Coaching Centre Scheme, which continues. Under the scheme each State is entitled to 8 coaches. Earlier, SAI was also providing coaches for District Coaching Centres (DCCs) but same was discontinued in 2005. There is no proposal to revive the facility of providing coaches to the DCC Scheme.

(d) SAI implements Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme which aims at spotting and nurturing of sport talent in tribal areas. Under the scheme, there are 21 centres set up to provide training to 2,019 trainees which consists of 1,207 boys and 812 girls in various sports disciplines. The scheme deals with age group 14 to 21 years. There is no proposal to revise the age group to 9 to 14 years.

#### **Need for low cost airports**

\*430. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has set up study groups or task forces or any Committees to study the need for low cost airports in the country;

(b) if so, whether Planning Commission has received such reports;

(c) whether it is a fact that cheaper airports or low cost airports would be an essential part of better infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and economic impact of encouraging high-cost airports only in cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Low cost airports may become an essential part of better infrastructure depending on requirement and their technical feasibility and viability.

(d) The cost of development of airport depends on its size which is primarily determined on the basis of present and projected volume of traffic in the next 15-20 years and technical requirements. The development of large airports which involve high cost may lead to provision of better infrastructure facility and also help in the overall development.

#### **Proposal from Chhattisgarh**

†\*431. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of projects received from Chhattisgarh this year;

(b) whether lightening of the famous water fall Chitrakut is also included in these proposals; and

(c) the status of approval of these proposals?

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