

Recommendations of the All India Council of Sports about sending athletes to Moscow Olympics

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SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what were the original recommendations of the All India Council of Sports about sending sports teams and athletes to the Moscow Olympics;

(b) what is the number of teams and athletes and officials who are participating in the Olympics; and

(c) what are the results of the various sports events and what is the performance of the Indian contingent?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) The All India Council of Sports recommended a 85 member contingent comprising 67 competitors and 18 officials for participation in competitions in Athletics, Boxing, Basketball, Equestrian, Hockey (Men), Hockey (Women), Shooting, Weightlifting and Wrestling in Moscow Olympics.

(b) A 94 member contingent comprising 75 competitors and 19 officials actually participated in the Games.

(c) The information regarding the performance of the Indian Contingent will be known on receipt of the official report from the Indian Olympic Association.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think (c) has answered itself by now.

SHRI J. K. JAIN: Mr. Chairman, Sir,....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, you can ask your supplementaries.

श्री जे० के० जैन : श्रीमन्, हाकी के क्षेत्र में इतनी अभूतपूर्व विजय प्राप्त करने के बाद भारत को हाकी में 16 वर्ष के बाद गोल्ड मैडल प्राप्त हुआ है। ऐसी स्थिति में क्या सरकार उन खिलाड़ियों के लिए जो नौकरी में हैं या जिनके पास आर्थिक साधन नहीं हैं उनको आर्थिक मदद देने के लिए कोई योजना बना रही है जिससे वे खिलाड़ी हमेशा हाकी की तरफ ध्यान दे सकें और उनके ऊपर परिवार की जिम्मेवारी न रहे? दूसरे, इसके साथ ही मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार इन खिलाड़ियों को सुदन में सम्मानित कराना कोई प्रस्ताव रखेगी?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is very difficult.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, no doubt, we are all happy and I have also congratulated the team which has won the gold medal for India.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House has also congratulated them.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Yes, Sir, the House has also congratulated, and it is a matter of pride for all of us that they have brought prestige to this country. The hon. Member suggests, Sir, that the game as such needs encouragement and the players, of course, too. But the Government, at the moment, does not have any plan, to have any employment scheme for them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: For those who are already in employment we do not need any plan.

SHRI J. K. JAIN: Is there an assurance by the Government that they will look into it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He will look into it.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: I cannot give anything. (Interruptions)

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Bhai Mahavir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not mind calling everybody but let Dr. Bhai Mahavir ask supplementaries on Question No. 218 first.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Sir, while I share the Minister's happiness over the hockey victory, I would like to ask him whether he agrees or not that this should not make us oblivious to the disappointing performance in other fields of sports in which our players participated in Moscow, and whether he recognises the fact or not that this is because of the basic defects in our preparation, i.e., lack of proper training? The training is not as intensive and as efficient...

SHRI PILOO MODY: And as vigorous.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:...and as vigorous as in other countries. The second reason is the last minute selections. Selections are kept pending till the last minute and just a few days before the actual games are to start, the decisions are taken, which does not leave sufficient time to sportsmen to prepare themselves and gear up for the games. Have the Government any proposal to remove these two defects, namely, lack of proper training and last minute decisions as regards selections?

SHRI PILOO MODY: He does not know.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, the hon. Member may perhaps be knowing that the selection is done initially by the various sports federations as to which of the players are fit to play in the Olympics and then there comes the recommendation of the Olympic Association of India. They recommend the players. Thereafter it is screened by the Sports Council of India and they screen these players. All these things do take some time. I do not know how the hon. Member got the impression that this

is all done at the eleventh hour. There is a procedure for selection.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a matter of apprehension.

SHRI PILOO MODY: The selection is done at the thirteenth hour.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A team of this House would have done equally well.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Sir, I did not say that the process does not take long. The process of selection takes a sufficiently long time rather an unduly long time, but when the process is completed so little time is left for the events that athletes or sportsmen cannot prepare themselves for it. The ultimate selection is at the eleventh hour.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, all the facilities for training were given and so far the Government have not received a single complaint from the players' side or the games federation's side that proper facilities for training were not provided to them. We have not received any complaint.

SHRI PILOO MODY: Only the public has complained.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Regarding the performance, while the hon. Member is only looking to the darker side, let us rejoice on the brighter side also.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: Sir, the reply of the hon. Minister is very technical. He cannot take protection under the plea that federations or associations are voluntary organisations and Government cannot interfere. Our performance in athletics was so poor that smaller countries like Cuba and Rumania could get 8 to 9 medals and we could get only one. East Germany got more than 100 medals, Sir, before the Moscow Olympics, two tournaments were held, the Asian Track field Meet at Tokyo and another at Moscow itself. Our players participated in the pre-Olympics also in Spartakiad in Russia. Our shooter Randhir Singh got 171 points against

the winner who scored 196 and the performance of our athletes was miserable. May I know from the Minister whether it is a fact that the All-India Council of Sports had recommended that only those whose performance was up to the required standards in these events at the Montreal Olympics and Asian Games, and who got 6th position at least be only sent for the Moscow Olympics? But the policy of the Government was liberal and a large number of players who had no standard and who could not even take off the track at the starting blocks—this was reported in the newspapers—were sent for the Moscow Olympics. So the Government has to share the responsibility and cannot take shelter under the plea that it is a voluntary organisation's responsibility. May I know from the Minister whether it is a fact that the All-India Council of Sports was not prepared to send such a big contingent to Moscow Olympics because our performance had been so poor? Secondly, I would like to know what steps he is going to take for the development of athletics in the country. The Sports federations are not proving equal to the task because of group politics going on there. Similarly, there are federations whose meetings have not been held for the past 5 or 6 years and whose accounts are not even audited.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But our hockey team, in spite of the handicaps, did well.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: I congratulate the hockey team for that. But the Government cannot take the attitude as it has been doing till now. I want to know whether the Government will take any positive steps, before the Asian Games take place in India in 1982, for development of athletics and provide sufficient training to the athletes so that they have a perfect physique and give an excellent performance in the Asian Games and not send a contingent of players who are not even up to the ordinary standards.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Perhaps, the hon. Member is keen to know as to what the Government is going to do to prepare sportsmen for the Asian Games in 1982.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: Why are such teams sent?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir,...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Anxiety is there because of what happened in Moscow.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: In Moscow, we have won a gold medal.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: It is a childish satisfaction.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Besides our winning a gold medal in hockey, Sir, we can say that if in the last Olympics, Spain was above us in hockey, now we are above Spain. Our women's hockey team also, though they lost, they stood fourth in Moscow. Let us not lose sight of these facts.

SHRI PILOO MODY: The Gold Medal should have been given to the Minister.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sweeping statements should not be made that excepting hockey, everything was bad. Let us not discourage our sportsmen. About wrestling, Jagminder Singh stood fourth; Mahabir Singh stood 5th and Rajinder Singh stood 6th. Apart from this, Sir, the desire of the House is to see that our best sportsmen should expose themselves to world olympics so that they know something about the world players and they can prepare themselves for the 1982 Asian Games. Government would do everything possible to give them facilities in order to prepare the sportsmen for the Asian Games.

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Sir, will the hon. Minister of Education be pleased to state as to what are the steps the Government propose to take in regard to the training for our sportsmen keeping in view the fact that the

next Asian Games are going to be held in India in 1982?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is about Moscow which has now become dead as do do. We have now got the Asian Games coming in through Moscow. (interruptions) Anyway, you might give an assurance.

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: We have to be prepared for this.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: We will provide the best possible....

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot rule the lady out as irrelevant.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: ... facilities for the training of our sportsmen for the Asian Games.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: Sir, the hon. Minister has repeated twice that we have won one Gold Medal at Moscow.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have. Are you doubting it?

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: I am very proud that we have. But I happen to know something about sports. I know that most of the top teams of the world, hockey-playing top teams, were not there. Hence, the point which I would like to make is that the hon. Minister's statement smacks of complacency in the field of sports. It seems to indicate that he expects nothing better from India in the field of sports. I am shocked by this and I must say that I feel that our performance, taken as a whole, at Moscow has been dismal. It has been a very poor performance. Sir, you have yourself said....

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is Question Hour.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: In the Question Hour, you have said that our House team could have done better. I am sure you will permit me a certain latitude. I am only reinforcing what you have said.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I said it in a lighter vein.

SHRI PILOO MODY: He is saying it in a heavier vein.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: The point is that there is a Sports Ministry at the Centre and also in the States. There are various sports organisations to promote sports and after all this, we have come back with only one Gold Medal. Now, this is also at a time when many of the top teams did not compete. Now, I do not want to go into the details. I do not want to take the time of the House. But the point is that the matter seems to be beyond the control of these organisations. At least, they do not seem to be producing results. Now, my question is, would the Government be prepared to set up a Parliamentary Committee which will go into and evaluate the performance of the Indian contingent at Moscow and prepare plans for the future, taking into account the performance of the sports organisations also?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, I know, the hon. Member is a sportsman himself.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is a sportsman himself.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: He plays cricket. He has played cricket every year, whether it is against the Lok Sabha or against the Rajya Sabha, wherever he has been there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Lok Sabha, we have won against.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, Rajya Sabha won with the help of the Lok Sabha.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Sir, we will win on our own talent, now that you are here. You happen to be here. We will win on our own talent.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will play, Mr. Salve. You do not know.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: You may be the non-playing captain we may win.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, what the hon. Member has observ-

ed is that we are complacent and that we are not looking into things seriously, in regard to the performance of our sportsmen at Moscow. He has also said that we are not seriously thinking of preparing them for the 1982 Asian Games. This is the anxiety of the hon. Member, if I have understood him correctly. I would say that we have been waiting for the report of assessment by the Indian Olympic Association and also by the Sports Council. We have been waiting for this report and this report would give us the reasons as to what are the shortfalls. What are the shortcomings, of our players, while they participated in the Moscow Olympics. The Government is also very keen to provide them with the best facilities. Again, I repeat, this has been the basis that having participated in the Moscow Olympics, our players will really feel that they should be better prepared for the Asian Games. This has been the basis. By our having sent so many people for Moscow itself is an indication of the Government that we are preparing our people for the Asian games.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: Sir, he has not replied to my specific question, whether the Government is prepared to appoint a parliamentary committee to go into the question.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: That I will answer. The Government will study the report when it is received from the Sports Council. Then we will see what best can be done in the matter.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Does the Government have no idea of the performance at the Olympic Games? What type of answers are we being fed with? (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will all have your turn because I think we are having a little sporting time today. (*Interruptions*). You will get a turn, time permitting. We are having more out of it here than we may have had out of it in Moscow.

Yes, you ask the question.

श्री रामेश्वर सिंह : श्रीमन्, मंत्री जी क्या यह बतायेंगे कि मास्को में जो ओलम्पिक खेल हुए हैं जिसमें आपकी टीम जीती है, क्या यह सही है कि उस ओलम्पिक खेल में बहुत से राष्ट्र शामिल नहीं हुए। उसमें कितने राष्ट्र शामिल नहीं हुए उसका क्या कारण था कि वे उसमें शामिल नहीं हुए ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: The question has no relevance to the main question.

श्री रामेश्वर सिंह : श्रीमन्, मेरा यह प्रश्न है कि कितने राष्ट्र ओलम्पिक खेल में शामिल नहीं हुए और क्यों नहीं हुए.. (*Interruptions*) आपकी टीम से अच्छी टीम और थी, यह सही हो सकता है कि आज हमारी टीम अच्छी हो.. (*Interruptions*) श्रीमन्, आप मेरी मदद करें।

MR. CHAIRMAN: It does not arise out of it.

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA: I want to clear the wrong impression.....

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I would request the hon. Minister to answer the question about equestrian event in Olympic Games. (*Interruptions*). Is it correct that in this event there were only six nations participating, and out of these six not only were we last, but we even failed to complete the various courses, whether it was the Dressage, the three-day event or the show jumping? Further, is it correct that in the last 30 years we have imported almost 3000 animals from abroad as bloodstock with the purpose of developing equestrian sport in India. Despite this preferential treatment, particularly when the entire event is the monopoly of the Indian army, why did we fail in the events to the extent of not being able even to complete the courses?

●SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: The hon. Member is interested in the development of the equestrian game as a whole. That is what I can understand from his question. He has asked particulars about our performance. This I can give only after the report is received by us.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I will repeat the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has answered you very correctly that he is waiting for the report to give you all the reasons.

Yes, Mr. Bagaitkar.

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA: One wrong impression I have to clear.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is it?

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA: I am going round and round. I am not putting the question. I have to clear one wrong impression.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. Yes, Mr. Bagaitkar.

श्री सदाशिव बागाईतकर : श्रीमन्, मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा कि जितने एथलीट मास्को गये थे उनकी देखभाल करने के लिए, उनकी व्यवस्था करने के लिए या ओलम्पिक गेम की, ओलम्पिक ट्रैफिक की शिक्षा पाने के लिए जो नान-स्पोर्ट्समैन हैं, वे कितने गये थे ? यह बात महत्वपूर्ण इसलिए है कि लगता यह है कि हमारे खेल भी हम लोगों की जो मध्यम-वर्गीय संस्कृति है, उसके शिकार हो गये हैं। एक मजदूर काम करेगा और चार सुपरवाइजर उसकी तरफ ध्यान देंगे, इस तरह की बात स्पोर्ट्स में हो गई है। मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि गैर-खिलाड़ी कितने गये चाहे संसद् सदस्य हों, चाहे अफसर हों, पुलिस के अफसर हों, जो भी हों ? और क्या यह सही नहीं है कि जो स्तर है भारत के खिलाड़ियों का वह गिरता जा रहा है और आप भले ही खुश होंगे कि हमने

गोल्ड मीडल हासिल किया है, लेकिन इसको आप भूलिए नहीं कि— at the most you can claim two cheers, not even three cheers. क्योंकि असली टीपें जिनके साथ हमारा मुकाबला होना था, वे लोग वहाँ गैर-हाजिर थे ?

तो बहुत खुशी मनाने की बात नहीं है। इसके साथ ही जो हाकी के खिलाड़ियों का आप लोगों ने सिलैक्शन किया उसमें लास्ट मिनट पर असलम शेर खां और अशोक कुमार जैसे इन दोनों खिलाड़ियों के नाम काट दिये गये। तो इस तरह का जो सारा मिसमैनेजमेंट हुआ, उससे बाकी खिलाड़ियों का मनोबल जाने से पहले ही गिर चुका था।

तो क्या आप यह आश्वासन हमको दे सकते हैं कि यह सारी कारोबारी की तहकीकात आप करेंगे और स्पोर्ट्स का स्तर बढ़ाने के लिए गैर-स्पोर्ट्समैन की जो उसमें दखलंदाजी होती है, उसको हकदायेंगे।

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, the hon. Member perhaps feels that the bad performance of the sportsmen at the Olympics was perhaps for the reason that a better number of sports officials were not sent. He is perhaps aggrieved that some sports managers and coaches were not sent. But I should say that out of a contingent consisting of 96, 83 were sent at Government cost, 10 were sent on their cost and three officials were sent on their own cost. This contingent consisted of 20 officials. I agree with the hon. Member that some times it does hamper the performance of sportsmen when there is no coach present there, or there is no manager. But it never happens. I would say, Sir, that Government is aware of these things and we will take due care in future.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Prof. Chattopadhyaya. Then Mr. Goswami.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: What about me?

MR CHAIRMAN: You are a late Latif.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: The popular belief is that I have been quite this time. That is why I am not given....

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, your hand was raised very late.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: My hand was raised earlier.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You raised earlier than probably one over there.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: Sir, the burden of the questions—both 204 and 218—is the same, namely, the assessment of the performance of our Olympic team at Moscow. While we heartily share and welcome the performance of the hockey team, we also do remember the level of competition at which it has been armed this time. But, Sir, we must also bear in point the fact that the level of training that we impart is only of four months or five months duration, while the Olympic teams which do very well, like the USSR, or the GDR and the like, wherefrom we have to learn, impart training to each of the participants for four years. For four years and not for four months! This is the point. While we support in principle what the Minister says that we will do our best, but already from 1948, we have seen so many Olympics and post-Olympics discussions I have heard in this House four times and each time the declarations came from the Treasury Benches along the lines we are hearing today. But the point is what you have just said—may be half in jest but, I think, the rest in earnest—namely, the House could have done perhaps equally well. Sir, I do not know whether you literally meant it. May be half in jest, but the rest must be in earnest, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I know Mr. Pant said there was a sting in it.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: I suggest is this. The

Minister has very rightly said that in a democratic set-up the teams are chosen, the athletes are chosen, at the professional level, at the councils but we know that at the sub-Governmental levels, down below the level of the Ministry, in the different Sports Councils and Olympic Associations, there are politics in the bad sense of the term.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Prof. Chattopadhyaya, I have been looking very carefully at the photographs of these athletes. I think there is less muscle in our men than anything else.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: Perhaps not exactly, Sir.

(Interruptions)

SHRI DINESH SINGH: There is more lung power in the House, Sir. Not enough muscle!

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: My only suggestion is, whether the Minister, really to improve it, will be pleased to consider the proposal, namely, of imparting training for full four years in between one and another? Secondly, in choosing the personnel and the contingents, will the Ministry, at its highest level, take more active and effective interest to neutralise these half-Governmental manipulations, machinations and politics at the different Councils? So, I would request the Minister to come forward and respond to these two specific points.

SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI: He is waiting for the report.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, the hon. Member spoke of politics in the various sports federations.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Here also just now.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: This politics is beyond the control of the Government.

SHRI PILOO MODY: There is politics here but just as there should be no politics in the Supreme Court,

it should not be there in the sports field also.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I know you are now making a sweeping statement.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: That is his prerogative, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think I did not sweep them well.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Honourable Member Mr. Mody plays while speaking, Sir.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: He only played marbles in his time.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: We do not believe in manipulations and machinations, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think the real emphasis laid by Prof. Chattopadhyaya is on intensive training.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: I am coming to that. Sir, as I said earlier, one of the reasons why we sent a big contingent to the Moscow Olympics was to expose our sportsmen to world Olympics so that they see, live with, play with and observe the performance of others so that they would get the idea that they should be prepared better for the Asian Games. We are going to have the Asian Games in another two years, and the Government will provide the best possible training facilities for our sportsmen.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: Four years training. That is what I am interested in.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Asian Games are to be held in 1982. Then how I can have four years' training? (Interruptions)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Sir...

MR. CHAIRMAN: One, two, three and then, four. I mean, that is the order in which you came.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Time permitting, Sir. (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: If there is time. (Interruptions)

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI: How can I put my question, Sir, if everybody goes on talking? It appears that the hon. Minister is suffering from certain illusions on the question of preparation for the Moscow Olympics. We knew, Sir, that our athletes were not of the standard that they could acquire a gold medal even at the Moscow Olympics where some of the top teams were not participating. But may I know from him whether, compared to the Montreal Olympics, our athletes have done better so far as the Indian athletics' record is concerned or whether their performance has been bleak? But, Sir, if there is one reason we are proud of our hockey achievement, it is not because we have won the gold medal because the top five teams were absent, but we are pleased and happy because the hockey team this time was a new hockey team the average age of which, I think, is 21 years. Picking up the thread from Prof. Chattopadhyaya, if the hon. Minister feels that those athletes who have gone to Moscow will bring laurels to us in the next Olympics, well, hardly a few outstanding athletes are ever able to repeat their performance in the next Olympics because four years make a long gap. In that context, I would like to know from the hon. Minister if there is a plan and proposal of picking up the budding young talents in this country because if you want some better performance to come in Los Angeles, then you cannot rely on the athletes who participated in Moscow; you must build up or you must go in for the new budding talents, prepare them in the next four years. In that context, I would like to know whether the Government has any plan or proposal. Otherwise, we will again face such a thing in Los Angeles.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, the hon. Member spoke of the performance at the Montreal Olympics. I again repeat that our hockey team performed better and established better standards than the Montreal

standards because we were below Spain then and now we are above Spain.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But this hockey team may not be available in 1984.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Quite right. From what I could see from the suggestion of the hon. Member, he lays emphasis on the selection of the sportsmen for the next Olympics.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. He wants you to begin right now.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: There is no question of beginning as such. A beginning has already been made. And in this case I need the co-operation of the various sports federations.

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA: Sir, before I put the question,

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI: Sir, my question was entirely different. My question was: Has the Government any proposal of picking up the budding talents right from now so that they can be prepared for the future Olympics. If there is any proposal like that, he may say 'Yes'; if not, let him say 'No'.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you getting ready from now?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, the selection is not made by the Central Government. The hon. Member knows it.

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA: Sir, before I put the question, I would like to correct the impression created by my hon. friend Mr. Pant. He said that because many teams had not participated in the Moscow Olympics, India could win the hockey match. That is not so because the teams which have participated, like the teams of the Soviet Union, Spain and Poland, have played very excellent hockey. Therefore, it is because of the skill of the Indian players that they were able to get the medal. Secondly,

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: Sir, I must explain... (*Interruptions*) My name has been mentioned. So I must explain. What I said has not been followed by Mr. Krishna.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Krishna is an athlete himself.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: I know that.

SHRI PILOO MODY: Let him learn to follow words.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: Therefore, he must also learn to follow words. I said it very clearly that I am proud of the performance of our hockey team, but I think it is proper to keep in perspective the fact that many of the other teams of the top hockey playing nations were not there. I am not second to him in appreciating the performance of our team.

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA: I would caution the Minister that now it is not India and Pakistan alone which can be supreme in hockey. Many of the European countries have advanced much in the game and in the next Olympics probably India and Pakistan may not even figure in the final. Therefore, we will have to prepare very much if we want to be the champions in hockey. The second thing I would like to tell the Minister is that the Government of India has no sports policy, no State Government has got a sports policy, no Olympics Association has got a sports policy. When a team has to be selected in advance by a federation and trained for four years for the Olympics, they require a lot of money. The Government of India does not have that much money. Therefore, may I ask the Minister whether he would like the Sports Council to select certain events in which India is competent to figure in international competition, spend for those games alone and also ask the State Governments and the educational institutions to adopt those games? You cannot spread all your

money very widely without concentrating on anything. If you want your team to be polished by the National Institute of Sports, Patiala, they cannot do it for more than 14 days or one month or two months maximum at present. That is because the funds provided to NIS, Patiala are so meagre. Therefore, will the Government be considerate enough to increase the quantum of money to the Patiala Institute so that the federations can select their teams in advance and train them up in two years, if not more.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: The Government will consider the suggestion of the hon. Member sympathetically.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is a great sportsman and an athlete also. The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Towns selected under Centre's scheme of integrated development of towns in Orissa

*202. **SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the towns in Orissa selected for the Centre's New Scheme of integrated development of small and medium towns; and

(b) by when the work on the scheme is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Central financial assistance in the form of loan has so far been given to the Government of Orissa for integrated projects relating to the following towns:—

Name of town	Amount of assistance (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Puri	5.00
2. Sambalpur	10.00

(b) According to information furnished by the State Government, work on the projects has started.

*205. [Transferred to the 14th August, 1980]

भूमि की अधिकतम सीमा अधिनियम के अधीन आवंटित की गई भूमि के विकास के लिये वित्तीय सहायता

*206. **श्रीमती रतन कुमारी :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भूमि की अधिकतम सीमा अधिनियम के अधीन आवंटित की गई भूमि के विकास के लिये वित्तीय सहायता देने हेतु केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा कोई योजना प्रायोजित की गई है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या यह योजना देश भर में लागू की गई है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या इन क्षेत्रों में विनिर्दिष्ट योजनाओं को लागू करने के संबंध में सरकार द्वारा कोई कार्यवाही की गई है ?

†[Financial Assistance for the development of land allotted under Land Ceiling Act.

*206. **SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme sponsored by the Central Government for providing financial assistance for the development of land allotted under the Land Ceiling Act;

(b) if so, whether the scheme is in force throughout the country;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any action has been taken by the Government to implement the specified schemes in these areas?]