

3. "That in the Resolution:—

the words beginning with 'and, instead, provides equality' and ending with 'one of the Official Languages of the Union,' be deleted.

The motion was negatived.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): Would you press for your Resolution or withdraw it?

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Voice vote would do.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): Now I put the Resolution to vote.

The question is:

"This House views with concern the deliberate efforts in the Union Government offices, nationalised banks and public sector undertakings towards imposition of and domination by Hindi, directly and indirectly, and is of opinion that Government should review the Official Language policy so that it does not become a divisive force and a discriminating factor and, instead provides equality for all the national languages with a view to preserving and strengthening the bonds of unity and integrity of our nation and with this end in view this House recommends that all the Official Languages of the States should be made the Official Languages of the Union and as a first step in that direction, Tamil, in Tamil script, should immediately be declared as one of the Official Languages of the Union."

The motion was negatived.

HALF AN HOUR DISCUSSION ON POINTS ARISING OUT OF THE ANSWER GIVEN ON THE 28TH FEBRUARY 1979, TO UNSTARR-ED QUESTION 672 REGARDING THE ASIAN GAMES.

SHRI S. W. DHABE (Maharashtra): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, the question raised is about the Asian Games. The question was asked on the 28th Feb-

ruary, 1979 in this House, and the question was what preparations were being made for holding the Asian Games in New Delhi in 1982. Sir, the reply that was given was that two committees were set up, an organising committee and an advisory board, for holding the Asian Games in 1982. that these proposals were made by the Olympic Association that the Government was considering them and that a decision would be taken. It was further stated that a token Budgetary provision was being made for the proposal for 1979-80. It is not clear what token provision has been made for the purpose of these Games.

Earlier I had asked a question which is very much linked up with the Asian Games, regarding standard of Hockey in our country. My colleague, Mr. Gopalasamy, raised a question about it by way of special mention that it was a serious matter and that the Government must take into consideration the feuds and factions going on in the Hockey Federation. I would like the Minister to see carefully what sort of replies are being given by his office. The question asked was:

- "(a) whether Government have drawn up any plans to improve the standard of hockey in the country during the next two years; and
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof?"

The reply given was:

"Government have asked the Indian Hockey Federation, All-India Women's Hockey Association and Indian Olympic Association to communicate their plans of preparation for our participation in international tournaments up to 1982. The All India Council of Sports has also been having discussions on this issue with these Federations. The organisations have promised to communicate their plans."

The question was not about their plan for preparation for the 1982

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Games but about what steps our Government has taken for improvement of Hockey. I must say that this reply of the Minister was absolutely irrelevant and has nothing to do with the question I asked. This is how the Department and the officers treat questions of such importance like Hockey Federation and Government plans. May I remind you that this question was raised by me in this House on the 4th May, 1978, since the Minister of Education had made a statement in the Lok Sabha that the Government would not hold the Asian Games. After a "Special Mention" was made, there was also a discussion here, and the Members of Parliament were very much agitated. My friend and colleague, Mr. Vijay Kumar Malhotra led a deputation with a representation signed by 250 MPs to the Prime Minister, saying that the country's prestige would be at stake if we did not hold the games. And when this matter was discussed on the 4th August, 1978, it was said—I will quote from the debate here on the 4th August, 1978—that "the Prime Minister told the Indian Olympic Association delegation that Government wanted to make sure, before committing to the staging of Asian Games in India that they should be properly managed and held in an efficient manner".

Sir, the Bangkok Asian Games were held in December, 1978. There at the meeting of the Executive Committee on the 18th December 1978, the invitation of the Indian Government was accepted. I congratulate the Government on reversing their earlier decision and deciding to hold the Games. And it was stated there that in addition to 21 disciplines, there will be one more discipline, golf. It is compulsory for the hosting country to hold competitions in three categories, athletics, swimming and gymnastics. The host country has to decide about other events, but so far as athletics, swimming and gymnastics are concerned, the host country is bound to hold them. Therefore, Sir, at

that time the question came up whether the games will be scattered all over India at places like Bombay, Madras and Calcutta, or they will be held at Delhi only. In this connection the West Bengal Government wrote to the Prime Minister and it has been reported that the Prime Minister said on 24-1-1979 that the venue of the games cannot be changed. It has been reported in the Hindustan Times of the 25th January, 1979 that the Prime Minister in a letter to Mr. Jyoti Basu who had suggested that the Asian Games should be held in Calcutta, pointed out that "the Government did consider the suggestion, but it was felt there was need for having the games in the Capital". He further stated, "In order to hold the games in Delhi, it is necessary to have a national sports complex of international standard." Therefore, Sir; the question is very important. If we don't make preparations from now on, we shall be nowhere and the Asian Games cannot be organised properly.

Sir, I would, first, like to know from the Minister what is the meaning of a "token grant" and how much money has been made available. Secondly who are the members of the Organising Committee? Who are the members of the advisory board? I am told that Mr. Ashwini Kumar, who has got a reputation of spoiling our international image in hockey, who has been responsible for our debacle in hockey, is going to be made the Secretary of this Committee. Sir, in all countries where the games are held, it is the responsibility of the Government and not of the Organising Committee because ultimately if the Government does not give all facilities and take care of properly organising, the games will not be a success. In this context before I come to my final question I would like to point out that if you do not succeed in hockey which is our primary game during Asian Games 1982,—so far we are proud of our hockey—India's hockey will never come up again in the world. What is the position in

hockey? It is really a matter of regret that in a game in which we were champions from 1928 to 1958, we have lost not only the glamour, but we are nowhere in the hockey field. In the 1958 Tokyo Olympics we lost to Pakistan on the averages of goals. Afterwards at international hockey organisation meetings, rules were changed to the detriment of India and our representatives were not alert. The game, which was played on the grass, they are now going to play it on artificial turf. Will the honourable Minister, therefore, tell us if turfs will be developed in Delhi for the purpose of holding Asian Games 1982?

SHRI BIPINPAL DAS (Assam): But does the Minister know the difference between turf and grass?

SHRI S. W. DHABE: Yes, he knows; he is an expert. In hockey now European teams are excelling and many people who were trained in India, have gone for coaching to Australia and other countries which did not know the technique of the game. The net result is we had to face defeat after defeat. At Montreal Olympics we were placed seventh in order. Before Montreal Olympics 1976 we were champions in 1974 at Kuala Lumpur. But again in the world hockey tournaments held at Argentina India was defeated in one of the pool matches by 7 to 0 by West Germany. We are 16th in the world today in rating. Now, in Moscow Olympics it is apprehended that Indian hockey team will not be included in the tournaments. Is it not a fact that large number of sports-writers and critics in the country have written that our standards have gone down because of factionalism and party politics in the sports of the country? Wrong selection of players, no team work in the players who have gone, etc. are mentioned as some of the reasons. It is also said the managers could not control the teams and many times the managers were not even found with the teams and they were found somewhere else.

We started the game in all glory in 1928. But now what is the situation? I would, therefore, like to know from the honourable Minister what steps the Government is going to take so that at least in hockey which is a national game of India we succeed, so that we can take laurels at least in this one national game. Hockey is the national game of India. Are we or are we not going to win back the glory which we had for 30 years between 1928 and 1958? As regards other things, in the Asian Games it must be said to the credit of our players that though there was not much effort for training, though there were not enough number of trained coaches in athletics and other games, we succeeded in some games in Bangkok. In the Asian Games at Bangkok Japan got 70 gold medals, China 51, a small country like South Korea 18, North Korea 15, Thailand 11 and India 11. When the Asian Games could be held in such a small country like Thailand on three occasions in 1966, 1970 and 1978, why could we not hold it here? The idea of Asian Games was very much supported by the late Jawaharlal Nehru. It was in 1948 Olympics meet that this idea was supported by Mr. Sondhi who was a well known sportsman and administrator. The Asian Games were originally to be held in 1950. But we could not prepare for the same. Therefore, they were postponed for two years. We know why the Asian Games were held in Bangkok last time. The reason is that Pakistan in the last moment said that it was not possible for them to hold them. The question of holding Asian Games here in 1982 should be taken up seriously by the Government. I would ask a few questions in this connection.

What are the arrangements made from now on for preparing international standard play-grounds at Delhi for all these games? It is no use having these play grounds at the last

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moment. Our players should become accustomed to these play-grounds at least for one year so that at the time of the games in 1982 these grounds can be used by them.

It is surprising that countries like China have become great competitors for other Asian countries. The standards in Asian Games are not of top-grade Olympic standards which are expected in the world events. Russia and America are at the top in sports not merely because of the facilities that exist there. They make conscientious efforts to see that they always remain at the top. A small country like East Germany got more medals than what a big country like India got. What have we done to improve our performance? China has a five-year plan for modernisation and training their people for the world sports events. For that purpose, they have imported experts to give intensive coaching to their people. Commenting on the Asian Games, The Hindu has written a very good article. I will read some portions from it to show how games are being developed in China, Japan and other countries. I am reading from The Hindu of the 22nd December, 1978. It says:

"The problem of a significant gap between Asian and top-grade Olympics standards remains despite a determined striving to catch up in a few fields. For example in Gymnastics the traditional dominance by USSR and a few other East European countries will now be growingly challenged by Japan and China both of whom have attained world levels. The trend in advanced sports in the Asian region is in favour of rapid modernisation with certain West Asian countries adopting a crash programme in Football by importing foreign coaches and with China setting itself an ambitious five-year

plan of modernisation and catching up with world sports levels. In this context, India has to do a good deal of hard work—in developing training methods and techniques and in planning for the future—even to stay where it has arrived."

"The final decision to host the Asian Games after moments of doubt and vacillation is most welcome. The officials who accompanied the competitors in order to study the sports organisation as well as technique from a meet hosted so competently and with such financial success of an experienced Thailand must now get down to the task of applying this experience to our conditions in hard-nosed and imaginative way. The effort must start right now if a valuable opportunity is to be availed of to learn from the most developed trends in Asia and simultaneously raise the mass sports consciousness in our country."

Sir, I would like to quote... (*Time Bell rings*).... what our Deputy Chairman, Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, said recently. Sir, he has been a very good sportsman and he was the Administrator in the National Institute of Sports at Patiala and he is connected with a number of sports activities. Sir, in an interview to the UNI on the 13th March 1979, just a few days back, he said:

"The basic designs of the stadia, swimming pools and gymnasia, are already available in any of the cities which had organised these major games before and the basic structure of organisation could also be obtained from these places. He could not understand the delay in getting on with the task."

Therefore, Sir, I would like to know from the Government whether the Government has prepared any plan for the construction of stadia and other things required for these games. Secondly, Sir, I would like to know also whether, in order to meet the chal-

lenge of Japan and China and other countries, any plan has been prepared to train the competitors on a crash programme basis even by inviting the coaches from outside the country. Thirdly, Sir, I would like to say that much remains to be done and much remains to be organised. I would like the Minister to say whether the Government would remain a mute spectator on the ground of autonomy in respect of the Indian Olympic Association or the Asian Games Federation or the Organising Committee or it will have total involvement in this and will provide finance and other facilities to our sportsmen to see that this becomes a success.

Sir, in Thailand, it has become a commercial proposition now. (*Time bell rings*). I would like to know whether the Government will take steps from now on in order to develop sports consciousness in the country among the students and the boys in our schools and colleges so that they also would be keen to watch the Asian Games. Therefore, Sir, my questions relate to organisation, construction of stadium, facilities for coaching, steps to be taken for encouraging mass participation and facilities to be provided to sports lovers for watching the Asian Games to be held in 1982.

Finally, Sir, I would like to say that I am very much thankful to the Government for taking decision to hold the Asian Games in 1982 and to provide whatever help would be needed to see that this becomes a great national event in the history of our sports and sports events.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I want to . . .

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): Let the Minister reply first.

श्री श. समाज कल्याण तथा संस्कृति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री धनराज सिंह गुजरात) : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं मंत्री धाबे का बहुत आभारी हूँ जिन्होंने दिल्ली में होने वाले सन् 1982

के एशियन खेलों की तैयारी के बारे में जानने की बहुत ही इच्छा प्रगट की है। सरकार लगातार 1978 से 1982 में होने वाले एशियन गेम्स की तैयारी कर रही है।

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Sir, it is not the Olympic Games, but Asian Games.

श्री धनराज सिंह गुजरात : वही मैं कह रहा हूँ।

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: But in the translation I get it as 'Olympic Games'. But it is only the Asian Games.

श्री धनराज सिंह गुजरात : मैं एशियन गेम्स की बात कर रहा हूँ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, श्री धाबे ने तीन बातें रखी। एक तो सन् 1978 के बैकाल में हुए एशियन गेम्स में भारत का कमजोर प्रदर्शन और दूसरे संघों में आपस में झगड़े, जो कि खिलाड़ियों के संलेक्शन में बाधा डालते हैं। तीसरा है 1982 में होने वाले एशियन गेम्स की अच्छी तरह से तैयारी न किये जाने के बारे में। यह मूल रूप से तीन प्रश्न उन के हैं। मैं यह कहूँगा कि भारतीय खिलाड़ियों ने बैकाल में अच्छा प्रदर्शन नहीं किया, ऐसा कहना उचित नहीं है।

SHRI S. W. DHABE: I have not said that.

श्री धनराज सिंह गुजरात : हमने 28 मेडल जीते हैं जिन में 11 सोने के हैं, 11 चांदी के हैं और 6 कांसे के हैं। इन खेलों में 26 देशों ने भाग लिया था और उन में हमारा 6ठा स्थान रहा है। एथलेटिक्स में हम ने 18 मेडल जीते थे जिन में 8 सोने के थे, 7 चांदी के थे, 3 कांसे के थे। सोने के मेडल 1974 में नेहरू में जो खेल हुए थे एशियन गेम्स, उससे तीन गुणा अधिक है। सभी खेल संघों में सुधार लाने के लिये सरकार इन खेल संघों का समय समय पर मार्गदर्शन करती रही है। उनके झगड़ों के लिये भी सरकार मार्गदर्शन करती है। इन

* [श्री धन्ना सिंह गुलशान]

संघों को कहा गया है कि वे अपने अपने संविधानों को ठीक करें ताकि वे अपने झगड़े भारतीय ओलम्पिक संघ या भारतीय खेल परिषद् को फंसले के लिये सौप सकें। इन खेल संघों को सरकार आर्थिक सहायता देती है। यह संघ अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय ओलम्पिक कमेटी के चार्ट के अनुसार स्वतंत्र हैं। सरकार उनमें दखल दाजी नहीं कर सकती। जैसा कि मैंने प्रश्न 672 के उत्तर में बताया था कि भारतीय ओलम्पिक संघ जिस के द्वार यह खेल करवाये जायेंगे, ने दो कमेटियाँ बनाने का सुझाव सरकार को दिया था। यह कमेटियाँ हैं—एक तो आर्गनाइजिंग कमेटी होगी और दूसरी सलाहकार कमेटी होगी। सरकार इस सुझाव पर पूरी तरह से गौर कर रही है और इसके लिये मंत्रालय ने आल इण्डिया कौंसिल आफ स्पोर्ट्स तथा भारतीय ओलम्पिक संघ के साथ विचार किया है। इसके लिये सरकार ने...

SHRI S. W. DHABE: Is it not a fact that Mr. Ashwini Kumar is the Secretary of the Committee? What are the names of the members of the committee?

श्री अश्विनी कुमार: जी हाँ। आप तो बहुत बुद्धिमान आदमी हैं। जो आदमी यहां बैठ कर डिफेंड नहीं कर सकता है उस का नाम लेना ही नहीं चाहिए था आपको।

सरकार ने इन सुझावों पर पूरी तरह से गौर किया है और इसके लिये मंत्रालय ने आल इंडिया कौंसिल आफ स्पोर्ट्स तथा भारतीय ओलम्पिक संघ के साथ विचार किया है। इसके लिये सरकार ने नेशनल स्टेडियम में भारतीय ओलम्पिक संघ को कार्यालय स्थापित करने के लिये जगह दे रहा है। भारतीय ओलम्पिक संघ ने आर्गनाइजेशन कमेटी श्री वी के मल्होत्रा, एमपी की अध्यक्षता में बनाई है और श्री अश्विनी कुमार इस कमेटी के सेक्रेटरी जनरल हैं। इस कमेटी में दूसरे सरकारी विभागों के प्रतिनिधि भी शामिल किये गये हैं। भारतीय ओलम्पिक

संघ ने जो सलाहकार कमेटी बनाने का सुझाव दिया है उस में कुछ मंत्री मेम्बर के तौर पर तथा प्रधान मंत्री जी को अध्यक्ष के रूप में शामिल करने का प्रस्ताव है। आर्गनाइजिंग कमेटी खेलों को करवाने के बाद, टी. वी. को तैयार करने और इम्पायरों को तैयार करने और खेलों का सामान उपलब्ध कराने के लिये जिम्मेदार होगी।

दूसरा जरूरी कदम जो कि टीमों को तैयार करने के लिये जरूरी है, उस के लिये सरकार भारतीय खेल परिषद् से सलाह मशविरा कर रही है। यह कदम है खिलाड़ियों को कोविंग देना, बाहर से खेलों के लिये अच्छा सामान मंगवाना।

6 P.M. बाहर देशों से कोचों को स्थायी तौर पर आमंत्रित करना, भारतीय टीमों को विदेशों में मुकाबले में भेजना, विदेशों से भारत में पूरे मुकाबलों में खिलाड़ियों तथा टीमों को आमंत्रित करना। इसके लिए इस साल के बजट में 50 लाख रुपये की व्यवस्था की गई है।

कुछ सवाल किये गये हैं कि क्या खेल दिल्ली में होंगे, इसमें तो कोई दूसरी राय नहीं क्योंकि खेल दिल्ली में होने का निर्णय हुआ है। आपने पूछा है हाकी के बारे में क्या हो रहा है? ओलम्पिक संघ की ओर से जो सुझाव आते हैं सरकार वैसा करती है। ऐस्ट्रो टर्फ और घास में फर्क है। इसलिए ऐस्ट्रो टर्फ का मैदान बनाने जा रहे हैं जिस पर 80 लाख रुपये लगेंगे जिसमें 82 में एशियाई गेम्स की हाकी खेली जाएगी।

दूसरी बात है खेलों के अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर के मुकाबले करवाने हैं, और खिलाड़ी तैयार करवाने हैं वह हमारे हाथ में नहीं हैं, वह तो खेल संघों के हाथ में हैं। हम उसमें दखल नहीं दे सकते। जो आपने कहा कि तैयारी कैसी हो रही है, आपको यह सुन कर प्रसन्नता होगी कि हम विश्वास के साथ कह सकते हैं कि हमने सभी जगहों को देखा है जहां स्टेडियम बनाना है। किसको बड़ा करना है

जैसे नेशनल स्टेडियम है। उसकी कैपेसिटी 30 हजार है, वह बढ़ाकर 45 हजार की की जाएगी।

इसी तरह नया स्टेडियम हाकी का बनाया जा रहा है। हम को जिस चीज की जरूरत है सरकार उसकी तैयारी में है। सभी मंत्रालयों को कह दिया है कि जिस को जो काम सौंपा गया है वह लगन से काम करें तो मुझे आशा है कि 1982 में खेल होंगे। तो यह सारे काम एक वर्ष पहले हो जायेंगे ताकि उसमें, इन स्टेडियमों में हमारी टीमों और बाहर की टीमों जो आयेंगी उनका खेलना हम देखेंगे और तजुब करेंगे कि क्या होता है। इसलिए हमारी और से तैयारी में कोई ढील नहीं। आपकी चिन्ता हमारी चिन्ता है। मुझे खुशी है कि घोष साहब इसमें बहुत रुचि लेते हैं, बहुत अच्छे सुझाव भी देते हैं और जो उनके मन में है वह कह भी देते हैं। इसलिए मैं समझता हूँ कि सरकार बिल्कुल इस बात के लिए चौकन्नी है और एक वर्ष पहले ही इसकी तैयारी सारी हो जाएगी।

SHRI BHAIRAB CHANDRA MAH-ANTI (Orissa): Sir, I fully support my friend, Mr. Dhabe, on the points that he has raised. The Minister has answered some of those points, though not fully. The biggest show on earth so far as sports are concerned, is the Olympic Games. And, next to that, so far as we are concerned, are the Asian Games. The Asian Games of 1951, which we had the privilege and honour of staging here, the inaugural Asian Games, was comparatively a small affair. The only stadium, the National Stadium, near the India Gate, was enough to hold the Asian Games then because the number of countries which participated was very few. Their number has increased very much. The number of participants will be very much compared to what it was in 1951. We are now thinking that in order to have the 1982 Asian Games in Delhi to renovate the National Sta-

dium so that it can accommodate 50,000 spectators. We will have to do something about the swimming pool and bring it up to the Olympic standard. Something will also have to be done about the Ambedkar Stadium. The idea is also to put up a big—not as big as the Netaji Subhash Stadium at Calcutta which itself is a pride of our country but a big enough—indoor stadium and also, perhaps, we will have to use the stadium at Kotla Feroze Shah. I just give you the idea of the hugeness of the Asian Games that we are going to have in 1982, Sir, I am a member of the Indian Olympic Association since 1948. I also had the opportunity of being the Organising Secretary of two National Games which should be considered from the Indian point of view as mini Asian games one in the year 1958 and the other in 1970, and I know what it means. Being in the Indian Olympic Association, I feel we are far behind time. Partly, the Government of India is responsible for not taking a decision much earlier and I think that if the Bengal Government's Chief Minister Mr. Jyoti Basu, did not come forward with that offer of holding the Asian Games because it was the question of Rs. 20 crores the Asian Games would not have come to India. Now, the time is short and, therefore, formation of the Organising Committee and others related with that should be expedited and people who have been tried in the field of games and sports, should be taken in the Organising Committee. Sir, a leading journal on sports, the Sportsweek last month wrote an article. This article was written by Mr. Hosy Mistry with the caption "Meet Bert Forgotten". I am afraid, for want of time, I shall not be able to give all those things. He says: "The million-dollar question now is: Are we capable of conducting the 1982 Asian Games? On the current performances, the unanimous feeling was that we cannot."

In the past, I have heard the Education Minister telling the Parliament that Indian Olympic Associa-

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tion is an autonomous body and the Government cannot interfere. Who says that you should interfere? I am not in favour of interfering. I had also the occasion to say that though Indian Olympic Association, and for that matter under the International Olympic Charter, all National Olympic Committees and the National Sports Federations in different countries, are autonomous bodies, yet the Government of the countries, has a role to play. This cannot be denied. Whatever may be the nature of the Indian Olympic Association or the character, in a matter like this of international importance, it cannot also think of not trying to have the fullest co-operation from the Government. If they do so, the whole country will go against them.

Coming, as I mentioned earlier, from a small State like Orissa, I was the Organising Secretary of the two National Games of 1958 and 1970. These National Games at Hyderabad was held after a lapse of nine years. In between, there was no National Games anywhere in the country. Now, Sir, I am not saying this as a matter of pride. What has Mr. Hosy Mistry said in regard to the National Games which was held at Hyderabad? 'This was the worst ever National Games that I have seen since 1954. The staging was chaotic. It was like a flat soda compared to the champagne which we had at the last National Games which was held at Cuttack in 1970.' For that matter, being an affiliated body to the Indian Olympic Association, which in turn is affiliated to the International Olympic Committee, the Orissa Olympic Association is an autonomous body. When we had the National Games at Cuttack, what I did was to get the Orissa Government fully hundred per cent, involved in it. Then, the President of the Orissa Olympic Association was Dr. Mahtab. The Chief Minister of the State then, when we had this National Games at Cuttack in 1970, was Shri R. N.

Singh Deo. To the first Organising Committee meeting, the Chief Minister was invited. Along with him, the Ministers, whose departments were made to work in certain directions to make the National Games a success, were also invited. Everything was placed before the Chief Minister of Orissa, that means, the Government of Orissa. The Chief Minister okayed everything. Then, all the departments started functioning. The autonomous character of the Orissa Olympic Association was not taken out. Why is it that the Indian Olympic Association is not having this kind of meeting? As Mr. Dhabe has said, the Organising Committee which will be responsible for conducting this Asian Games of 1982 is still to be formed. When the Government are giving a grant of Rs. 20 crores as has been announced in regard to the Asian Games of 1982, they have every right. I do not think anybody, the Indian Olympic Association President or the Secretary-General or Mr. Malhotra, who has been elected as the Chairman of the Organising Committee, or the Secretary, Mr. Ashwini Kumar, would say 'We are not going to attend that meeting'. On the contrary, I should say that if I were in that position, I would have taken the initiative in convening this kind of a meeting where the Prime Minister would have been invited. If, for any reason, the Prime Minister was not there, the Education Minister would have been there. Then, the various National Sports Federations, whose disciplines are going to be included in the Asian Games and also other people who have rendered yeoman and dedicated service in the past as well as the AICS should be involved fully, hundred per cent, in this. For the purpose of the International Olympic Committee, as well as its Charter, the Indian Olympic Association is the host country. For our internal purposes, to make the Asian Games a success it would be one joint body, namely, the Government of India, the Indian Olympic Association and the All-India Council of

Sports. I would request the Minister of State and please do not take into account that the Indian Olympic Association is an autonomous body and, therefore, Government cannot interfere. This would not mean interference. Look at the East European countries . . .

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): Your point is quite clear.

SHRI BHAIRAB CHANDRA MAHANTI: Sir, I would conclude by saying this. If the Indian Olympic Association have erred or the Organising Committee, which is going to be formed, have erred, in not convening this kind of a meeting, it is time the Ministry of Education contact the Indian Olympic Association, the President and the Secretary of the Indian Olympic Association, and see that, first, the Organising Committee is set up. And the first Organising Committee should be addressed by the Prime Minister himself.

श्री धनरा सिंह गुजरात : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं पहले ही बता चुका हूँ कि सलाहकार समिति जल्द से जल्द बना दी जायेगी और इंडियन ओलम्पिक एसोसियेशन ने उसके बारे में सुझाव दिये हैं। एक कमेटी तो बन गई है दूसरी जल्द से जल्द बन जायेगी। इसको मैंने पहले ही आपको बता दिया है।

दूसरा जो कहा गया है कि एशियन गेम 1982 की तैयारी के लिये प्रस्ताव नहीं मांगे हैं, क्या प्रस्ताव है, क्या आपकी सरकार नेशनल ओलम्पिक एसोसियेशन को पूरा सहयोग दे रही है और उनका सहयोग हासिल कर रही है, इसके बारे में यह है कि यह काम इतनी जल्दी में होने वाला नहीं है। यह कितनी ही जगहों से करना होता है। सरकार अपनी जिम्मेदारी समझती है और समय-समय पर गाइड-लाइन्स एसोसियेशन को देती है। हम यह भी समझते हैं हैदराबाद में जो अभी

नेशनल गेमें हुई हैं उसमें भी गड़बड़ी हुई है। इसका भी मुझको पता है। तो इसके बारे में भी हम सांचते हैं। यह कहा गया कि तैराकी का तालाब होना चाहिए। मैं यह बता देना चाहता हूँ कि हम तैराकी के लिये तालाब बनाने जा रहे हैं। तैराकी के लिये चाणक्यपुरी में एक तालाब, इनडोर स्टेडियम, एक हाकी का स्टेडियम जिसकी 30 हजार की कैपेसिटी होगी, बनाने जा रहे हैं। हमारी ओर से कोई कमी नहीं है। ओलम्पिक एसोसियेशन की तरफ से जो सुझाव आते जायेंगे वे हम मानते जायेंगे। उनके साथ हमारा पूरा सहयोग है और उनका हमको सहयोग हासिल है। दिल्ली एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन भी हमारे साथ पूरा सहयोग कर रहा है। जैसा हमने कहा कि गवर्नमेंट की ओर से 21 करोड़ रुपये एशियन गेम पर जो कि 1982 में होने हैं, उस पर खर्च होंगे और दिल्ली एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन ने 6 करोड़ 80 लाख रुपया खर्च करना मान लिया है और उन्होंने काम भी शुरू कर दिया है। इसलिये जो मेम्बर साहबान की चिन्ता है, उसके बारे में मैंने पहले ही कहा है कि आपको चिन्ता करने की जरूरत नहीं है। हमें चिन्ता है क्योंकि हमारे ऊपर इस काम का बोझ है। हमारा देश बड़ा है। हम चाहते हैं कि यह जो खेल कूद है इसमें सुधार आये। मैं यह भी बता देना चाहता हूँ कि जब से मैंने यह मंत्रालय सम्भाला है, उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, यह हमारे पास आया है, पहले से काफी इसमें सुधार हुआ है और भी होगा और आप देखेंगे कि 1982 के एशियन गेम्स जो दिल्ली में होंगे उसका नतीजा आपकी शुभ कामनाओं के साथ बहुत अच्छा निकलेगा।

श्री श्रीधर वासुदेवराव धावे : आप ज्यादा सतर्क रहिये यह हमारा कहना है।

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, hon. Dhabe raised very good points and also put many questions to the Government regarding the Asian Games to be held in our country in the year 1982. The