

that direction. Our Government had tried in the United Nations for getting part of that fund.

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT:
I will require notice to answer this question.

*136. [The questioner (Shri Janardhana Reddy) was absent for answer vide Col. 38 infra.]

Decline in the Standard of Sports in the Country

*187. SHRIMATI HAMIDA
HABIBULLAH:
SHRI SAWAISINGH
SISODIA:
SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the standard of sports in the country has gone down;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to improve the standard?

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री धनराज सिंह गुलशन): (क) जी, नहीं। सामान्य रूप से यह कह देना बिल्कुल सही नहीं होगा कि देश में खेलों का स्तर गिर गया है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) एक विवरण मभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

खेलों के स्तरों में सुधार के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा किए गए उपायों में निम्नलिखित शामिल हैं :—

(i) राष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिताओं और प्रशिक्षण शिविरों के आयोजन के लिए

राष्ट्रीय खेल संघों/परिषदों को वित्तीय सहायता देना, वेतन भोगी सहायक सचिवों को वेतन की अदायगी, खेल उपस्कर की खरीद और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय खेलों में भाग लेना ;

(ii) उच्च कोटि के प्रशिक्षकों को तैयार करने हेतु पटियाला में राष्ट्रीय खेल संस्थान तथा बंगलौर में इसकी शाखा की स्थापना ;

(iii) राज्य स्तर पर प्रशिक्षण शिविरों के आयोजन, स्टेडियमों, तरण तालों के निर्माण, खेल के मैदानों, अंतरंग स्टेडियमों के विकास, मैदानों में तेज रोशनी करने के लिए राज्य खेल परिषदों की आर्थिक सहायता ;

(iv) ग्रामीण और आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में खेलों को व्यापक आधार देने के उद्देश्य से खण्ड स्तर से लेकर ऊपर की ग्रामीण खेल प्रतियोगिताओं को आयोजित करना ;

(v) राज्य और इससे कम स्तरों पर प्रतियोगिताएं करने के बाद महिलाओं के लिए प्रतिवर्ष एक राष्ट्रीय खेल ममारोह आयोजित करना ;

(vi) विशिष्टता के उच्च स्तरों को प्राप्त करने की योग्यता दिखाने वाले स्कूली लड़कों और लड़कियों को प्रति वर्ष 1200 खेल प्रतिभा खोज छात्रवृत्तियां प्रदान करना ;

(vii) प्रति वर्ष उत्कृष्ट पुरुष व महिला खिलाड़ियों को अर्जुन पुरस्कार प्रदान करना ;

(viii) खेलों के लिए भौतिक सुविधाओं के सृजन हेतु विश्वविद्यालयों और कालेजों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के माध्यम से और अन्तर विश्वविद्यालय खेल प्रतियोगिताओं तथा

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Hamida Habibullah

प्रशिक्षण शिविरों को आयोजित करने तथा कालेज और विश्वविद्यालय में खेलों में प्रतिभावान छात्रों के लिए प्रति वर्ष एक-एक हजार रुपये की एक सौ छात्रवृत्तियाँ प्रदान करने के लिए भारतीय विश्वविद्यालय संघ के माध्यम से वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करना ;

(ix) राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान प्रशिक्षण तथा परिषद द्वारा तैयार की गई 10+2 पद्धति के लिए आदर्श पाठ्यक्रम के अभिन्न अंग के रूप में खेल-कूद को शामिल करना ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI DHANNA SINGH GULSHAN):

(a) No, Sir. It would not be quite correct to make a general statement that the standard of sports in the country has gone down.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Steps taken by the Central Government for improving the sports standard include the following:

(i) Grant of financial assistance to National Sports Federations/Associations for holding national championships and coaching camps, payment of salaries to paid assistant secretaries, purchase of sports equipment and participation in international sports events;

(ii) establishment of National Institute of Sports at Patiala with its Branch at Bangalore to produce coaches of high quality;

(iii) grant of financial assistance to the State Sports Councils for holding coaching camps at state level, construction of stadia swimming pools, development of play-

fields, indoor stadia, flood-lighting of grounds etc.

(iv) holding of Rural Sports, Tournaments from block level upwards with a view to broadbasing sports in rural and tribal areas;

(v) holding of a national sports festival for women every year preceded by competitions at State and lower levels;

(vi) award of 1200 Sports Talent school boys and girls showing promise of reaching higher levels of excellence;

(vii) institution of Arjuna Awards to outstanding sportsmen and sports women every year.

(viii) grant of financial assistance through the University Grants Commission to universities and colleges for creation of physical facilities for sports and through Association of Indian Universities for holding inter-university tournaments and coaching camps and for awarding one hundred scholarships of Rs. 1000/- per annum each for college and university students talented in sports;

(ix) inclusion of sports and games as an integral part in the model syllabus for the 10 plus 2 pattern prepared by the NCERT.]

SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH. Sir, does the honourable Minister think that a coaching Institute, as has been mentioned in the statement, at Patiala with a branch at Bangalore is enough for a huge country like ours? Therefore, I would like to ask the Minister whether he would also consider selecting only such institute in every State and would also consider selecting only experts in the games to be appointed as coaches?

श्री धन्ना सिंह गुलशन : माननीय सदस्या को यह मान्य होगा कि यह कार्य राज्य सरकारों को सौंपा गया है जो ब्लाक स्तर पर भी शिक्षा देती हैं और उन की

सहायता भी करती है और केन्द्रीय सरकार भी उन को सहायता देती है ।

SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABI-BULLAH: Sir, since the Janata Party is talking so much about giving importance to the rural sector, I would like to ask the Minister whether, in view of the fact that eighty per cent of our population lives in the rural areas, he would consider subsidizing to a great extent sports facilities for field sports in the rural areas and providing coaching facilities as well in those areas.

श्री धनरा सिंह गुलशन : माननीय, केन्द्रीय सरकार ने खेलों को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये बहुत से कदम उठाये हैं, जैसे खेल क्लबों और संघों को आर्थिक सहायता दी जाती है ताकि वे खेल प्रतियोगितायें करवा सकें और खेलों का सामान खरीद सकें । यह खेलों का सामान देहातों में जो हाई स्कूल हैं या जो कलेज हैं उन में भी खरीदा जा सके इस लिये भी और उनको शिक्षा देने के लिए राज्य सरकारें भी उन को सहायता देती हैं ।

Disease Affecting the growth of Paddy Crops in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

*188. SHRI DEORAO PATIL:
SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN:†

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA
REDDY;
SHRI JAGAN NATH BHAR-
DWAJ;
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
RAHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a certain disease which do not allow the full growth of paddy crops is prevalent in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Syed Nizam-ud-din.

supply pesticide at subsidised rates to the farmers then to combat the disease; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what other steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No such disease which does not allow the full growth of paddy crop has been reported to be prevalent in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. However, in the months of September-October, 1977, it was noticed that Case Worm, Stem Borer and Rice bug were three insect pests affecting about 15 per cent of the paddy crop in the Islands. The Government took effective plant protection measures in time and successfully brought these pests under control.

(b) and (c) The Government, in order to control pests and diseases on crops, is already allowing subsidies of 40 per cent on pesticides, 20 per cent on plant protection equipments and 100 per cent on the cost of their transportation.

SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN: Sir, I would like to know from the honourable Minister whether the pesticides available in these Islands cost much more than what they cost in the mainland and, if it is so, what steps does the Government propose to take to see that at least the prices of the pesticides are uniform throughout the country and also in these Islands?

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA: To my knowledge, they should not cost more in the islands because the cost of transportation is borne by Centre.

SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN: I understand that there is no field staff available in the Islands to help the farmers in spraying. Therefore, what happens is that the farmers do not generally spray the pesticides in time. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister if the field staff will be made available to the Agriculture Department in the islands so that the spraying is done in time, because Stem Borer is such a