

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix LXXXIV, Annexure No. 6]

SETTING UP OF SPORTS SCHOOLS

- * 40. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :
 SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :
 SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
 SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT :
 SHRI M. K. MOHTA :
 SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL :
 SHRI K. C. PANDA :

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

(a) whether Government had decided some time back to set up five sports schools in various regions of India;

(b) if so, whether a decision has been taken as to the exact location of these schools;

(c) whether the decision is based on the recommendations of the All India Council of Sports; and

(d) the salient features of such schools and financial implications thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (d) The matter is still under examination.

SHORTAGE OF FOODGRAINS

41. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of foodgrains in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) In the absence of any comprehensive scientific survey on consumption, it is not possible to frame precise quantitative estimates of requirements and also of the shortage in foodgrains. Available reports received from the different States, however, have shown shortfall in the production of kharif foodgrains during the year 1972-73. An emergency agricultural production programme has been launched to increase production of rabi and summer foodgrains. A limited quantity of foodgrains is also being imported to tide over the present shortfall situation. As a long-term measure, wholesale trade in wheat and rice is being taken over from the current respective seasons.

COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN

*42. SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state whether the Committee on Status of Women has completed its report; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : The Committee on the Status of Women in India was appointed in September 1971 and requested to submit its report within two years.

COCHIN SHIPYARD

43. SHRI S. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present stage of the construction work of Cochin Shipyards;

(b) by when the work is likely to be completed?