

Newzealand Rugby Association to the South African Rugby team to tour Newzealand in 1973.

(b) Government are watching further developments. Government's policy in the matter is enunciated in the former Education Minister's statement made in the Sabha on 5th May 1970 (copy attached).

STATEMENT

Hon'ble Members may be aware that the IX Commonwealth Games are scheduled to be held in Edinburgh from 16th to 25th July, 1970. Government have received a request from the Indian Olympic Association for financial assistance for participation of Indian contingent in these games. It has come to the notice of the Government that 13 African countries, who are members of the Commonwealth, have threatened a boycott of the Commonwealth Games by all African countries of the Commonwealth if the projected South African Cricket Team's tour to U.K. for playing matches against MCC is allowed to go through. They have called upon the British Government to cancel this tour. It is learnt that the British Government have made it clear to the MCC that County Cricket Clubs will themselves have to bear the financial burden for policing their grounds from public demonstrations, expected during the South African tour and any damages to their property that may result from these demonstrations. A sizeable public opinion in UK is suggesting cancellation of the tour.

2. In the light of these facts as also in line with our consistent and continuous opposition to the policy of apartheid in any field, Government has carefully consider the question of India's participation in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. We are aware that there will be no representation from South Africa in Commonwealth Games but we cannot forget the overall effects of permitting apartheid in any field of sport. MCC is an important sports organisation. They themselves had in the past cancelled their South African tour because South Africa insisted that MCC should field only all-white team. It is a matter for regret that they should have decided to invite South Africa to play a series of matches in U.K. and thus reversed their

earlier decision and gone against the strong public opinion in their own country. It is all the more regrettable that they are inviting apartheid practising South Africa to send a cricket team to play in the U.K. during the very year when South Africa has been excluded from the Commonwealth Games that will be played in the same country.

Government have decided that they should advise the Indian Olympic Association to inform the Commonwealth Games authorities that if the South African Cricket team's tour to U.K. is not abandoned, India will not participate in the Commonwealth Games. The Indian Olympic Association is being advised accordingly.

गांधी जी की मूर्ति की स्थापना

98. श्री ओइम् प्रकाश त्यागी :

श्री डी० के० पटेल :

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

श्री बी० के० सखलेचा :

क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इण्डिया गेट, नई दिल्ली पर महात्मा गांधी की मूर्ति स्थापित करने की दिशा में क्या प्रगति हुई है;

(ख) लाल किले पर किसी राष्ट्रीय नेता की मूर्ति स्थापित करने के बारे में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय किया है ?

(ग) क्या नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस की मूर्ति लाल किले पर स्थापित की जायेगी; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

INSTALLATION OF GANDHUIS STATUE

98. SHRI O.P. TYAGI : SHRI D. K. PA TEL : SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD
MATHUR : SHRI V. K. SAHALECHA :

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

(a) what progress has been made towards installing Gandhiji's statue at India Gate, New Delhi ;

(b) what decision has been taken by Government regarding installing a statue of a national leader at the Red Fort :

(c) whether a statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose would be installed at the Red Fort ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?]

निर्माण और आवास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आई० के० गुजराल) : (क) मामले पर मूर्ति-समिति में विचार विनिमय किया गया है। अन्तिम निर्णय अभी लिया जाना है।

(ख) से (घ) लाल किले के सामने किसी मूर्ति की स्थापना का प्रस्ताव नहीं है, क्योंकि यदि कोई प्रतिमा वहां स्थापित की गई, तो किले की विशाल संरचना के सामने वह बहुत छोटी सी लगेगी।

*[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The matter has been discussed by the Statues Committee. A final decision is yet to be taken.

(b) to (d) It is not proposed to instal any statute in front of Red Fort for the reason that a statute, if installed there, will be dwarfed by the massive structure of the Fort.]

राजस्थान नहर के क्षेत्र में कपास का उगाया जाना

99. श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में रुई की बढ़ती हुई मांग को देखते हुए राजस्थान नहर के क्षेत्र में कपास का उत्पादन करने के लिये कोई विशेष प्रयत्न किये गये हैं; और

(ख) क्या इस कार्य के लिये विशेष पूंजी के विनियोजन की व्यवस्था की गई है ?

GROWING OF COTTON IN THE RAJAS-THAN CANAL AREA

99. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special efforts have been made to grow cotton in the region fed by the Rajasthan Canal in view of the growing demand for cotton in the country ; and

(b) whether arrangements for special capita] investments for this purpose have been made ?]

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा साहेब शिन्दे) : (क) तथा (ख) राजस्थान नहर के कमान्ड क्षेत्र में लम्बी रेशे की कपास की खेती के लिये लगभग 10,000 हेक्टर के वर्तमान क्षेत्र को वर्ष 1972-73 में 36,000 हेक्टर बढ़ाने तथा वर्ष 1973-74 में 50,000 हेक्टर बढ़ाने का एक प्रस्ताव भारत सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

*[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAAEB SHINDE) : (a) and (d) A proposal to expand the present area of about 10,000 hectares to 36,000 hectares during