

of India. Secondly, is it not a fact that the All India Sports Council is thoroughly dissatisfied with the performance of many of the State Sports Councils in the various sporting activities?

SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY: Sir, this particular amount is utilised for the construction of stadia, swimming pools, purchase of equipment, coaching camps and all that. It is true that some of the State Sports Councils are not very active but we are taking steps. As I have already pointed out a conference was held with the representatives of the various State Sports Councils and we have emphasized the need for quick action for implementing the several schemes that have now been formulated by the Government and they are being activated.

#### **R. B. I. STUDY OF DECLINE IN CAPITAL FORMATION IN WEST BENGAL**

•470. SHRI CHITTA BASU :

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR  
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently directed the Reserve Bank of India to make a detailed study of the causes of sharp decline in capital formation in West Bengal and to recommend necessary measures for the revival of the investment climate there;

(b) if so, whether the Reserve Bank of India has since submitted any report; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the recommendations made by them and the action taken thereon?

The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chitta Basu.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

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(SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir, but the Government is aware of the problem.

ib) and (c) Do not arise.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: Sir, I am glad that the Government is aware of this problem in West Bengal. May I know whether the Government considers it essential to make a massive investment in West Bengal in order that the unemployment problem is wiped out because a recent study shows that about Rs. 1000 crores will be needed during the period of the Fourth Five Year Plan to liquidate unemployment which now stands at 21.7 lakhs at the end of the Third Plan? I want to know whether the Government would take such steps as would ensure a massive investment in the State of West Bengal.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: Sir, I quite agree with the hon. Member, the investment position in West Bengal certainly needs special attention. A series of measures have been taken by Government in the last year to remedy the position but the main reasons, if I may point out, which are partly responsible for this sort of recession or less capital formation and less investment are the somewhat lower demand for the engineering products. That is one reason for it; and secondly it is the state of political situation which is a fact of life, particularly the industrial relations there. That has certainly created this situation. These seem to be the general reasons but so far as the steps that we have taken are concerned, I would like to mention that the Government has established the Industrial Reconstruction Corporation which is meant to help the industries. This certainly is a very major scheme. At the present moment though the Corporation is meant for India, its initial activities are going to be concentrated in Calcutta and roundabout Calcutta which is the area which re-

quires to be looked after. Then there are concessions given by IDB and ICICI in selected districts on the basis of certain selected priorities adopted by the Government of West Bengal to improve investment planning. Then, another matter is we are accelerating the developmental efforts in the public sector in West Bengal. That is much more important than anything else that we can do. We are trying to go ahead with further investment, further developmental activities and expansion in the public sector in Bengal. That alone certainly is going to be very important in one field, but again I must say that I come back to the original point

SHRI CHITTA BASU: That is all right.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: So, you concede it. As long as he is conceding that position I hope, he will concede that Government is making sincere efforts and massive efforts to improve the situation in Bengal.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: In view of this, may I know from the Minister whether the Government propose to increase the allocation in the Fourth Five Year Plan to the State Government of West Bengal having regard to the particular problems he himself has raised and which he has sought to \* reply?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: This is a general question. I cannot answer a question like this saying 'Yes' or 'No'. This is a matter for general review by the Planning Commission, but in certain matters we have made special adjustments for Bengal. For example, regarding the problem of 'Bastis' in Calcutta we did take a special view of it and the Government gave certain special grants for that. You cannot say that we have not done it.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal has submitted a number of proposals to the Gov-

ernment of India for the industrial development of that State and for that they have demanded certain relaxation of the provisions of the monopolies Act so that capital formation can take place in that State? If so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: I have got no specific information on this particular point. If the hon. Member will write to me, I will look into it. I have no information about the point you are raising.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: It has come in the press.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: But I have not got any information now with me.

SHRI D. THENGARI: Is the Government formulating any comprehensive industrial development plan for West Bengal in which the efforts of the public sector and the private sector will be properly co-ordinated?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: An industrial development plan cannot be formulated by Government alone because the plan for development is a comprehensive process in which the public sector and the private sector have certainly got to work together. There is no doubt about it.

SHRI D. THENGARI: Is there co-ordination between the public and private sectors?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: Yes. You are saying the same thing. The Reconstruction Corporation which the Government has set up will certainly look into this aspect. Co-ordination in what respect? I really do not know what the hon. Member has in mind.

SHRI D. THENGARI: Co-ordination between the public sector and private sector. One industry will take part in the public sector, while another will be in the private sector. They will be mutually complementary.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: That is a general question. It is not a problem of Bengal only. The problem that he is raising is a national problem and that is being taken care of. The public sector goes into those basic sectors in which really speaking the private sector is not interested. If you see the industrial policy of the Government of India, you will find that this problem has been taken care of.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I ask him to broad-base the whole question and tell us about capital formation in the whole country?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no. Kindly confine yourself to West Bengal.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: I want him to consider the country as a whole.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no. Kindly confine yourself to Bengal. If I allow you, I will have to allow others.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: I would refer him to the book that we laid on the Table of the House, viz., the "Economic Survey". He will find in it a general examination of this problem.

SHRI M. K. MOHTA: May I ask the Minister whether it has been represented to the Government that one of the reasons for the slow-down of industrial development in West Bengal is the shortage of electric power to a very great extent, and therefore whether the Government has decided to allocate more funds for the generation of more electric power in that State?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: I cannot say that it is the only reason. Of course development of power generation is being taken care of in West Bengal as it is taken care of in other States. I cannot say that shortage of power is the only reason for the lack of expansion.

### खेलों को बढ़ावा

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

(क) क्या यह सच कि भारत संसार  
के अन्य विकसित देशों की तुलना में खेलों  
के क्षेत्र में पिछड़ा हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण  
हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार भारतीय ढंग की  
कुश्ती कबड्डी तथा अन्य भारतीय खेलों  
को राष्ट्रीय खेल घोषित करने का विचार  
रखती है ; यदि हाँ, तो इस के लिए क्या  
प्रोत्साहन दिया जा रहा है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार विदेशों में इन  
भारतीय खेलों को मान्यता दिलाने के लिए  
कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

### PROMOTION OF SPORTS

t[\*471. SHRI J. P. YADAV: Will the  
Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL  
WELFARE

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is  
lagging behind in the field of sports in  
comparison to the other developed countries  
of the world;

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

(c) whether Government propose to  
declare Indian style wrestling, Kabad-di and  
other Indian games as national games; if so,  
what encouragement is being given in this  
regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to take  
steps to obtain recognition for these Indian  
games in foreign countries?

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