

(c) if so, the reasons for cancelling the proposed youth hostel at Bhubaneswar in July, 2009 on the ground of non-finalization of site; and

(d) in view of the erroneous decision, will Government consider Bhubaneswar afresh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Proposals received from State Governments to establish hostels including Youth Hostel in Bhubaneswar District of Orissa were considered by the Government and keeping in view the observation of Planning Commission and the budget allocation in the 11th Plan, it was decided that the Youth Hostels, where sites have not been finalized and/or where no expenditure on construction has been incurred, may not be pursued further.

#### **Request of NIS, Patiala**

4030. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Sports, Patiala has requested Government to increase the amount sanctioned for athletes' diet;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Requests were received from various Regional Centres/field units for increase of diet money for athletes and after consideration the Government has increased the rates for diet and food supplements as under:

#### **Diet**

Increased from Rs.250/- to Rs.400 per head per day.

#### **Food supplements**

Increased to Rs.250/- per head per day for all categories of sports.