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apparel exports by 2008, and yield an export value of \$25-30 billion by 2013.

Schemes for women sports-persons in NER

77. SHRI DWIJENDRANATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing schemes and new ones formulated to promote and encourage women sports-persons in NER, particularly in the State of Assam;

(b) how much funds have been allocated during the last three years, year-wise/district-wise;

(c) what are the Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies involved in implementation of such schemes; and

(d) how many women sports-persons have been benefited from these schemes so far?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH (AFFAIRS) AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Government is presently implementing a specific scheme entitled 'National Sports Festival for Women' for promotion of sports among women in the country, including NER and the State of Assam. In addition, the following schemes are being implemented in the country for promoting and encouraging sports persons including women:

(i) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches;

(ii) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards;

iii) Arjuna Awards;

(iv) Dhyan Chand Awards;

(v) Dronacharya Awards;

(vi) Scheme of Sports Scholarships with a separate component for women;

(vii) Rural Sports Programme.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is also implementing promotional schemes such as (i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), (ii) SAI training

Centres (STC), (iii) Special Area Games (SAG) and (iv) Centre of Excellence (COX) for youth including girls.

(b) Funds are not allocated district-wise.

(c) Government of India alongwith Sports Authority of India and State Governments are implementing these schemes.

(d) The total number of women sportspersons from the North-East region benefited under various schemes during the last three financial years is 4415 (Four thousand four hundred and fifteen).

India's bid for 2016 Olympics

78. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Olympic Association has unanimously decided to bid for the 2016 Olympic Games in India;

(b) if so, how the stadia and other infrastructure that have been developed for the first Afro-Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games will help to conduct the Olympics;

(c) whether India have started mustering support of other countries to win 2016 Olympics for India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in its Annual General Meeting held on 11th January, 2004 has decided to bid for the 2016 Olympic Games in Delhi.

(b) If Olympic Games, 2016 are allotted to Delhi the existing infrastructure will help in organizing some of the events. However, these would require substantial addition and upgradation.

(c) and (d) No decision has been taken by the Government yet to support the bid of the I.O.A.