

(e) whether any consultations have been held with trade unions and other stake holders and ministries; and

(f) if so, the outcome of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (f) The Government is in the process of finalizing draft Model Shop and Establishment Act with a view to bringing about uniformity in the legislative provisions, making it easier for all the States to adopt it.

Improvement of sports infrastructure

154. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sports infrastructure plays a crucial role in achieving excellence in global arena of sports, helps in producing sportspersons of international repute and encourages youth to participate in sporting activities to create a culture of sports;

(b) whether poor standard of sports infrastructure is one of the major obstacle in process of development of sports in India;

(c) the details of schemes introduced to promote sports and sports infrastructure at grass-root level; and

(d) the details of target fixed as to how many gold medals to be won in the coming Olympic games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Sports infrastructure plays a crucial role in broad-basing of sports and promoting excellence in Sports. Sports infrastructure of international standards is available in the country and is augmented/upgraded on a continuing basis. Inadequacies in terms of high performance centres, modern equipment, sports science and sports medicine facilities etc. are also identified for being addressed.

(c) For promoting sports and sports infrastructure at grass-root level, the Department of Sports is implementing various schemes such as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) for creating/developing sports infrastructure at block level and organising sports competitions at block, district, State and national levels and Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) for creating/developing sports infrastructure such as synthetic athletic track, hockey astro-turf, and multi-purpose indoor hall.

(d) Although no target for gold medals to be won at Rio Olympics 2016 has been fixed, preparations/training of identified athletes for Rio Olympics are going on with the aim of winning maximum number of medals in the forthcoming Olympic Games.

**Launch of “Youth Leadership Development-
Ek Saal, Desh Ke Naam”**

155. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to launch a new programme called “Youth Leadership Development- Ek Saal, Desh Ke Naam”;

(b) if so, what are the objectives and duration of the programme;

(c) the details of selection process, course content, training, type of projects, compensation etc.; and

(d) whether any funds have been allocated for the programme, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The proposal for the launch of a new programme namely “Youth Leadership Development- Ek Saal, Desh Ke Naam” is under the active consideration of the Government. The objectives of the programme, duration, course content and other modalities are being finalized.

**Lukeworm response from Corporates/PSUs
for contribution in NSDF**

156. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) has not evoked required response for contribution from Corporates, PSUs, institutions, individuals, etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what amount has been received in the fund during the last five years; and

(d) when was the issue taken up with them and what was their response?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) and (b) Contributions from corporate entities, both public and private, have been received for National Sports