

(b) whether the Ministry would consider making special provisions in the fund allocated to this Ministry for the athletes, particularly the women athletes who have performed very well in the international games in the recent past?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) Sir, preparation of Indian sportspersons and teams for participation in international events, including Commonwealth and Asian Games, is a continuous process. The same is met mainly from the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, under which Government, *inter alia*, provides assistance to the identified sportspersons/teams for intensive coaching through national coaching camps, foreign exposures/competitions, etc.

In addition, Government also provides assistance to the identified athletes from National Sports Development Fund for personalized coaching, purchase of sports equipments, etc. The funding from the Schemes of the Government is gender neutral, *i.e.* financial assistance is equal for male and female athletes. Hence special provision for any category of athletes is not considered necessary.

#### **Centralising sports at National level**

3836. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state whether Government has any proposal of centralising sports at National level as now it is under States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): Yes, Sir. Government has a proposal to bring "Sports" under concurrent List from State List.

#### **Fund allocation to provide state-of-the-art sports arenas**

3837. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of fund allocation made to provide state-of-the-art sports arenas and recreation facilities for the youth in the smart city projects; and

(b) if so, whether foreign companies will be invited for collaboration with Indian companies for utilizing their expertise on constructing the sports and recreation facilities in the smart cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) Sir, as per the Mission