

(b) whether the current office bearers, particularly the Secretary-General of Volleyball federation is elected following the Volleyball Federation of India's own Constitution which states that 'Government official cannot hold two terms of office'; and

(c) whether the Ministry is aware of the financial irregularities going on, in the Federation and whether the Ministry has asked the office bearers to come clean of ongoing Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) Last election for office bearers and other executive members of Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) was held on 11.04.2016. The term of the present office bearers is for period 2016 - 2020.

(b) The election of current office bearers including that of Secretary General of VFI is in accordance with the provisions of National Sports Development Code of India, 2011. On enquiry of a complaint relating to second tenure of the current Secretary General of Volleyball Federation of India, who is working in State Bank of India, in contravention of the instructions regarding holding the post of an office bearer by a Government employee not more than 4 years or one term, whichever is less, in a national sports federation, it was noted that elections of VFI were held prior to the instructions dated 14.02.2017 regarding holding of elective posts in sports bodies by employees of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) / autonomous bodies of Union and State Governments coming into force. Till completion of present tenure, no ineligibility arises on account of holding of post by the current Secretary General being an employee of the State Bank of India.

(c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has investigated the matter relating to irregularities in expenditure of funds by VFI by its office bearers and submitted its report. Comments of VFI are being sought.

Khelo India Programme

†157. SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government launched the 'Khelo India Programme' to promote sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of training camps organized so far, under Khelo India Programme; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the details of number of training camps organized and number of sports persons trained in these camps, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The 'Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports' was launched in October, 2017 with the aim to strengthen the entire sports ecosystem to promote the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country. All the verticals of Khelo India Scheme focus on broad-basing of sports amongst the youth of the country.

(c) No training camps are organized under Khelo India Scheme.

(d) Does not arise.

Sports as career

158. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to encourage the younger generations to take sports as a career option; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken and achievements made, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) and (b) Choosing sports as a career option is an individual's choice. The Union Government has taken a number of steps to encourage participation of the youth in sports. Upto 5 percent reservation is provided in direct recruitment in Group 'C' posts for meritorious sportspersons. Sports Authority of India recruits Olympians/Para Olympians as Assistant Coach. The academic programmes in sports coaching, physical education and sports allied fields enable career in sports to the youth. Institutions under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports namely National Sports University, Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education and Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education offer these programmes.

Outcome of Sports Summit

159. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved the desired objective from the sports summit held on 10th October, 2019;