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the 1st Afro-Asian Games, initially at Delhi and finally at Hyderabad, international standard sports infrastructures have been created/upgraded at both the places. In addition to Delhi and Hyderabad, infrastructure has also been upgraded at Patiala and Bangalore where a majority of the training camps are organized. All these infrastructures would meet the requirement of athletes for the forthcoming Olympic Games.

### **National sports policy, 2001**

2000. DR. KARAN SINGH:  
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sports Policy, 2001 envisages use of Sports diplomacy by way of organising international sports and games for strengthening of bilateral and multilateral ties; and

(b) if so, the details of the policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Sports Policy, 2001 envisages increased utilization of sports and related activities as a medium for promoting co-operation and friendship in the region, as also globally. Towards this objective, due emphasis has been laid on sports exchange programmes with different countries.

### **Encouraging sports**

2001. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing and future plans to encourage sports other than cricket, football, hockey and tennis in the country; and

(b) the details of plans to upgrade or revamp sports infrastructure in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) i. The following schemes are implemented by the Government of India to encourage sports in the country: