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Tournament held in USA in 2001. Shri P. Gopi Chand won the Toulouse Open Badminton Championship and Scottish International Badminton Championship in 1999. He also won the All England Badminton Championship in 2001. Shri Vishwanathan Anand won FIDE World Chess Championship in 2000 and Merida International Chess Tournament in 2001. Shri Abhin Shyam Gupta won the French Open Badminton Championship in 2001.

(d) Does not arise.

Training/coaching centre for National Games in A.P.

5519. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sanction training or coaching centre in Andhra Pradesh to fully utilize the sports equipment and infrastructure being created by the State Government to conduct the 32nd National Games at Hyderabad, from 15th to 25th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how active encouragement to sports and games would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India (SAI) has taken a decision to open a SAI sub-centre at Tirupati. Besides this, there is a proposal to establish a Special Area Games Centre for Rowing at Hussain Sagar Lake, Hyderabad. Apart from these, there are 5 SAI training centres in the State of Andhra Pradesh, where 205 SAI trainees are under going training in various sports disciplines. Under the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), and Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Schemes of SAI, there are 131 SAI trainees the infrastructure created and equipment so purchased can be fully utilised by these trainees whose number can be suitably increased if required.