

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

\*1768. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government of India to popularise International Competitions in sports and athletics;

(b) if so, what is the amount of money, if any, spent on this score during 1950-51 and 1951-52?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) The Government of India have from time to time given grants to associations participating in international sports and athletic competitions.

(b) The grants given by the Government of India for this purpose amounted in 1950-51 to Rs. 37,276 and in 1951-52 to Rs. 10,000.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know why this reduction in 1951-52?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Because there was not any particular demand before the Government.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether Government is aware that many of the applications for assistance for international sports have not been attended to in time?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I have no information.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** Are Government aware that the U. S. S. R. has invited an Indian volley ball team to participate in a tournament in Moscow and, if so, are Government contemplating any financial aid to that team?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I get this information from the hon. Member.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Has the Government contributed anything to the present cricket team to England and to the Olympic meet at Helsinki?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Government did contribute some money to the team going to Helsinki last year but this year there has not been any contribution to the cricket team.

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** My young colleague does not seem to know the latest developments. Government has given Rs. 1½ lakhs towards the team going from here to Helsinki.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Does the Government take any interest in the organisation of sports and athletics in

India, and, if so, through what body or organisation, so that India may be able to compete in international sports competitions?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am afraid the question is very vague and general.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The principal body is the All-India Olympic Association which deals with such matters.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know what steps Government are taking in order to see that in international competitions our teams do not lag behind?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think I will go to the short notice questions. The Question List is over.

## Short Notice Questions and Answers

## FLOODS IN RIVER KOSI

126. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the river Kosi is in abnormal high floods for a week as a result of which all means of transport and communications have been completely paralysed and the survey and investigation works, done by the Government of India to start construction of Belka Dam Scheme for harnessing the river, have been dislocated?

**The Minister of State for Finance (Shri Tyagi):** The Kosi at Barahshetra reached a peak discharge of 200,000 cusecs on 10th July 1952 and is now falling. This is only medium flood. Communications normally get interrupted with a flood of this magnitude and this happens almost every year in the Kosi area. Survey work and trial boring at the Belka Dam was suspended from 1st July due to heavy rains before the occurrence of flood on 9th July, and will be resumed in October. Work of surveys on canals has been slowed down due to rains and will be accelerated from October.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Are Government aware of the fact that such floods are a regular annual feature of this river?

**Shri Tyagi:** I have already stated that the floods are repeated practically every year. The construction of the dam and the other flood control projects there have been taken up only on that account.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Are Government in a position to give the acreage of jute and paddy crops that has been devastated as a result of floods this year?

**Shri Tyagi:** I am sorry I have not got the figures.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Are Government aware of the fact that in recent years