

Shri G. S. Singh : May I know whether it is a fact that while these ships were proceeding for these exercises, two ships collided and if so, the extent of the damage suffered ?

Sardar Majithia : Another question is coming up later. I will answer it when that question comes up.

Shri N. M. Lingam : May I know if it is a fact that two of our ships returned to our ports before schedule and if so, the reasons therefor ?

Sardar Majithia : This relates to the same question. Two ships were involved in an accident. They had to return to Bombay to carry out certain repairs. After carrying out those repairs, they did join the exercises in the Mediterranean though a bit late.

All-India Council of Sports

*715. **Shri V. P. Nayar :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the President of the All-India Council of Sports circulated a note regarding re-organisation of Sports and Games in the country, at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th May, 1955 ; and

(b) if so, the reactions of Government thereon ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : (a) A note on behalf of the Standing Committee of the Council was circulated.

(b) Government are in general agreement but decisions will only be taken on concrete proposals as and when they are submitted.

Shri V. P. Nayar : May I know whether in this note there is any indication that there should be an elaborate scheme for the coaching of trainers and players to be run under the auspices of the Sports Council ?

Dr. M. M. Das : The note is a comprehensive one and it covers all aspects concerning games and sports of India. It also indicates the future policy that the Government should follow in this matter.

Shri V. P. Nayar : It may cover all the aspects. I wanted to know whether this fundamental aspect of organising the coaching of both the trainers and players has been specifically mentioned in this note.

Dr. M. M. Das : This note consists of several cyclostyled pages. If the hon. Member wants, I can send him a copy.

Mr. Speaker : Has he any objection to place it on the Table of the House ?

Dr. M. M. Das : Certainly not.

Mr. Speaker : It may be placed on the Table of the House.

Shri V. P. Nayar : I want to know whether the Government have bestowed any thought on the necessity of having a National Institute of Physical Culture.

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali) : That proposal is under consideration.

Shri V. P. Nayar : May I know whether under the particular note to which I was referring, the various States Sports bodies will be kept within the scheme or the scheme will be run under the auspices of the Central Government ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : The whole scheme has not yet been prepared. The note had made certain suggestions. They are under consideration.

Shri V. P. Nayar : May I know whether the Government propose to consult people outside the Sports Council, who happen to know something about sports, before the scheme is finalised ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : The Sports Council is a very representative body and Government do not propose to consult anybody outside the Sports Council.

Excavations at Tamluk

*716. **Shri S. C. Samanta :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the archaeological excavations carried on in Tamluk Town in the district of Midnapur have been discontinued ;

(b) if so, the reason therefor ;

(c) whether the coins and other articles found there have been examined ;

(d) if so, the age to which they belong ; and

(e) the number of places where excavation works were carried on and the depths to which the earth was dug ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : (a) Yes.

(b) The potentiality of the site having been revealed by excavated trenches it is considered unnecessary to pursue the work.

(c) Some have been examined and others are under examination.