

(xvii) **Wankhede Stadium—(Closing ceremony)**

(c) A total number of 3,773 artists participated in the various programmes.

Information relating to remunerations or compensations paid to the participants is being collected.

(d) As on 1.9.89, total expenditure incurred on the Bombay Apna Utsav was Rs. 805.42 lakhs (approx.) out of which the Central Government share has been Rs. 500.00 lakhs.

Progress in Indus Valley excavation and exploration

3207. SHRI HETRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the excavation and exploration of the Indus Valley and Harappa and decoding of the scriptures discovered in the valley so far;

(b) the total expenditure incurred so far on the project stating whether any annual allocation is made for the purpose with details of the allocations made in the last three years; and

(c) the details of the places/areas where excavation work is presently being carried out and the achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):
(a) and (b). The Indus Valley and Harappa areas fall outside India. Exact details of the progress made till date are not available. In the past also, no scriptures have been reported from the Indus Valley and Harappa;

hence the question of decoding such scriptures under a project and incurring expenditure on the same does not arise. There are, however, in India, many sites which relate to this period of human-civilization which have been and continue to be explored.

(c) At present various Circles/Branches of Archaeological Survey of India are carrying out excavations at the following sites:—

1. Dholavira, Distt. Kutch, Gujarat.
2. Sanghol, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab.
3. Adam, Distt. Nagpur, Maharashtra.
4. Kolhua, Distt. Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
5. St. Augustine Church, Goa.
6. Chermangadu, Distt. Trichur, Kerala.
7. Gudnapur, Distt. Uttara Kannada, Karnataka.
8. Udaigiri, Distt. Cuttack, Orissa.

As a result of these excavations new light on cultural sequences right from the proto-historic period through the historical period, have been obtained from these sites along with a number of antiquities, structural remains and ancient pottery.

Participation in international and Asian events

3208. SHRI HETRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the International/Asian events in which the country participated in Hockey, Badminton, Table Tennis, Weight Lifting and track events during the last three years, year-wise till date and the performance of the Indian contingent;

(b) the existing procedure/arrangements for selecting the sportsmen/sportswomen and to identify new talent to participate in the National and International games;

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure fair selection of talent for participating in National/International games from various parts of the country; and

(d) the efforts made so far to identify talent in the rural areas to train them for national/international games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):
(a) Information is being collected.

(b) and (c) The basic task of selection of sportspersons and identification of new talent for participation in national and international level competitions is that of sports organisations and federations. However, in order to ensure fair selection of sportspersons in disciplines identified for the Olympics, Commonwealth and Asian Games, and other prestigious events, Government has prescribed the constitution of a Selection Committee with the President of concerned National Sports Federation as its Chairman and its Secretary/Secretary General as Member, alongwith the National Coach, the representative of Sports Authority of India and nominee of the Government who is usually an ex-International (preferably an Arjuna Awardee) as other Members. This committee will be responsible for selection to the preliminary coaching camps as well for the final selection.

(d) The Sports Authority of India is implementing the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme under which it organises sports contests from Block level

upwards and covers also the rural areas. Special efforts are also being made to identify talent from remote areas under the Special Area Games, also being implemented by the Sports Authority of India. Such areas are predominantly rural and tribal. The identified talents are given intensive training at the training Centres of Sports Authority of India.

Introduction of Judo and Karate in Schools/Colleges

3209. SHRI HETRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce learning of martial art of Judo and Karate particularly for girls in the schools/colleges and universities in the country to inculcate in them a sense of courage and confidence to defend themselves against any attempt on their honour; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Representation of Women athletes

3210. SHRI HETRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of representation of women athletes in the Indian contingent which participated in the National/International and Asian Games during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there is any special instruc-