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Strengthening of Lower Level Staff of PEO

3446. SHRI NARSING RAO SURYA-WANSHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) steps taken so far for strengthening of lower level staff of Programme Evaluation Organisation as recommended by Dubhashi Committee vide its report of 1980:
- (b) the number of recommendations contained in the report of the Dobhashi Committee which have been accepted and implemented; and
- (c) the details of recommedations not accepted with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c). Report, the Dubhashi Committee for Review and strengthening of the Central and State Evaluation Organisations had made 78 recommendations. Of these, some seventeen recommendations concern the State Governments. From out of the other recommendations, in regard to 40 recommendations final action with some modifications, has already been approved and to the extent feasible is being followed. Out of these 40 recommendatwo recommendations relating to administrative control and one recommendation relating to criteria for selection of studies for evaluation, have not been accepted due to practical considerations. Of the remaining recommendations only some 12 recommendations relate to staffing pattern of the Headquarters and field staff of the PEO which have not yet been finally processed and approved in view of considerations of economy.

Sports Pact with Russia

3447. SHRI JAI **PRAKASH** AGARWAL: PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE:

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

(a) whether an Indo-Soviet protocol in the field of sports has been signed during the USSR sports delegation's visit to our country recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAÍCHAN-DRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The protocol provides, inter-alia for exchange of sports teams in various disciplines including Chess, Gymnastics, Wrestling, Hockey, Football, Boxing, Basketball, Weightlifting and Athletics. It provides that USSR will send expert coaches to India in various disciplines. It also envisages the possibility of setting up a centre of excellence in the country with the cooperation of USSR.

Domestic demands of Indian Airlines

3448. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present domestic demands of the Indian Airlines:
- (b) whether the Indian Airlines meet the domestic demands; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Indian Airlines estimates to carry 9.42 million passengers during the year 1985-86

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) The demand is presently met by the existing Indian Airlines fleet of 54 aircraft consisting of 10 Airbus 25 Boeing 737, 11 HS-748 and 8 F-27 aircraft. To meet the needs of the anticipated growth in traffic, Indian Airlines plans to purchase and take additional aircraft on lease.

ITDP in West Bengal

BASUDEB ACHARIA: 3449. SHRI Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Tribal Development Project areas are comprised of contiguous single unit and cluster Mouzas with 50 more per cent or population;