

under the caption 'Arjun Award Kushti ke munch Par Tamacha';

(b) if so, the reasons for which Arjuna Award has not been given to any of the wrestler;

(c) whether Government propose to honour any of the wrestler with this award who show good performance in various international/national wrestling competitions with a view to encourage wrestlers and wrestling and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the criteria laid down for giving Arjuna Award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d). Arjuna Award is conferred on outstanding sports persons every year. To be eligible for the Arjuna Award, the sports person should have consistently outstanding performance during three years preceeding the year of award at national/international level with excellence of a high degree during the year of the Award. A Selection Committee is constituted to consider the nominations received from National Sports Federations for grant of Arjuna Awards. The Selection Committee had considered nominations received from Wrestling Federation of India for grant of Arjuna Award for 1986 but did not find any nominee suitable.

[English]

Girl Students in Navodaya Vidyalayas

9746. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of girls admitted in Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country so far;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to increase the percentage; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) The percentage of girls selected for admission to Navodaya Vidyalayas so far is 18%.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The Scheme envisages that efforts will be made to ensure that at least one-third of the students in each Navodaya Vidyalaya are girls. Separate hostel for girls and lady warden are already provided towards this end. Wider publicity to make rural parents aware of the salient features of the Scheme is proposed to be given to attract more girls for admission into the Navodaya Vidyalayas

Co-Operative Societies for allotment of Bookstalls

9747. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on 24 March, 1988 to Unstarred Question No. 4694 regarding co-operative societies for allotment of bookstalls and state the reasons for not fixing the number of actual workers/vendors required for genuine bookstall co-operative society as was done in the case of vending/catering cooperative society? ✓

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Railways have not fixed any minimum membership for Cooperative Societies for bookstalls, as this was not considered necessary. However, such Societies are governed by the State legislations for registration of Societies which may prescribe minimum membership.

[Translation]

Deisalisation of Ludhiana-Dhanbad Express

9748. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: