

(c) if so, the action that has been taken to provide financial assistance to popularise the above game; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to popularise the above game in other parts of the country also?

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

(c) Under the Sports Authority of India plan scheme of Promotion of Indigenous Games and Martial Arts, financial assistance upto Rs. 25,000/- is made available for holding of competitions in indigenous games and martial arts popular in a particular area of the country but which could not flourish due to financial constraints and inadequate media coverage. A proposal was received from Karnataka for financial assistance under the scheme, for holding of Buffalo Game Competition at State level. An amount of Rs. 25,000/- was sanctioned.

(d) There is no specific proposal for popularisation of this particular indigenous game throughout the country. However, the scheme provides for publication of literature on indigenous games and martial arts for its wide publicity.

Tribal Health Research Centres

466. SHRI MANIK REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Tribal Health Research Centres functioning in the country; and

(b) the details thereof regarding loca-

tion etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Two Regional Medical Research Centres of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) are functioning in tribal areas. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) have also set up 22 Clinical Research Units (T). Similarly, The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS) have established 5 Tribal Health Care Research Projects in Ayurveda, 2 in Siddha. 1 in Amethi system of Medicine besides 2 regional Research Centres.

(b) Two Regional Medical Research Centres established by ICMR are functioning at Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) and Port Blair (Andaman and Nicobar Islands).

The Clinical research Units set up by CCRH are located at (1) Aizwal (2) Bastar (3) Bharmaur (4) Bhrauch (5) Dandeli (6) Darjeeling (7) Diphu (8) Gonda (9) Idduki (10) Itanagar (11) Jayapore (12) Kohima (13) Leh (14) Manipur (15) Pondicherry (16) Ranchi (17) Salem (18) Sambalpur (19) Shillong (20) Sikkim (21) Tripura and (22) Vijayawada.

Five Tribal Health Care Research Projects in Ayurveda set up by CCRAS are located at (1) Ziro (2) Car-Nicobar (3) Palamau (4) Jhabua and (5) Dhule; two projects in Siddha are located at (1) Thripathur and (2) Chikmagalur; and one project in Amchi system of Medicine is at Leh. Besides, two Regional Research Centres of CCRAS are functioning at Itanagar and Gangtok

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Shortage of Doctors in Rural Areas

467. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL-