

1	2	3	4	5
12.	Gole Market	Girls Kabaddi	150	15
13.	Masjid Moth	Girls Kho-kho	150	15
14.	No. 2 Delhi Cantt.	Girls Athletics	270	27
TOTAL			3270	325

**National Council of Higher  
Education**

140. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out details regarding setting up of National Council of higher education;

(b) the functions to be carried out by the National Council of Higher Education;

(c) the date from which it is likely to start functioning; and

(d) the details of the composition of the council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) to (d). The National Policy on Education, 1986, envisages that, in the interest of greater co-ordination and consistency in policy, sharing of facilities and developing inter-disciplinary research, a national body covering higher education in general, agricultural, medical, technical, legal and other professional fields will be set up. In pursuance of this, the establishment of a mechanism for coordination among the various Central agencies involved in the development of higher education in different fields is under discussion. The details including the composition of the Council, its functions, etc., have not yet been finalised.

**Meeting of Standing Committee of  
SAARC**

141. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting of Standing Committee of SAARC countries was held in Kathmandu in August, 1988;

(b) if so, the outcome of the issues discussed; and

(c) the reaction of India on the issues discussed in the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.

(c) The issues discussed in the meeting were put on the agenda with India's agreement and India is a party to all the decisions taken.

**STATEMENT**

At its 10th session at Kathmandu in August 1988, the Standing Committee:

- Approved the Calender of activities for 1988/1989,
- Approved the revised proposal on the SAARC Agricultural Information Centre and requested Bangladesh to make necessary arrangements for its establishment,