

(b) Government of India is implementing central and centrally sponsored programmes for increasing yield and production of pulses and oilseeds with a view to supplementing the similar programmes of the State Governments. Efforts under these programmes are being concentrated in potential areas and Central assistance is being made available to the State Governments on a liberal scale for taking up, amongst others demonstrations, production and distribution of quality seeds, integrated pest management, etc. Besides these, special measures to step up yield and production of pulses and oilseeds have also been undertaken by the Government under the Productivity Year 1982 and the New 20-Point Programme. The measures *inter-alia*, include use of phosphatic fertilizer, expansion of area under short duration varieties as catch-crop and inter-cropping both under irrigated and un-irrigated conditions.

In addition to the above measures, protection against fall in prices of pulses and oilseeds through price support operations is also being provided.

Recruitment of qualified athletes and sportsmen

1159. SHRI DEEN BANDHU VERMA: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many athletes and sportsmen duly qualified in different games and sports have been recruited in last 2½ years;

(b) what is their number categorywise and State-wise;

(c) how many are still on waiting list, males and females;

(d) how Government propose to absorb them and in what time; and

(e) do Government have any scheme to give them stipend till they are employed by respective State Sports Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (e) The requisite information is being collected from the State Governments and other concerned agencies and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Accreditation cards for newspapers

1160. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state,

(a) the names of various newspapers for accreditation for Asian games;

(b) are the language papers given equal treatment as compared to those of English papers; and

(c) is it a fact defying norms, National Herald, New Delhi has been given 8 accreditation cards, though normally one paper has not been given more than one or two such cards; if so, why this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Since accreditation is still in progress by the Special Organising Committee for IX Asian Games, 1982, it is not possible, at this stage, to give the names of various newspapers for accreditation for the Games.

(b) Allotment of accreditation is based mainly on the coverage of sports and the circulation of a newspapers, irrespective of the language in which it is published.

(c) Keeping in view the number of games to be covered which is 21, certain groups have been given more than one accreditation, based on their circulation,