

(b) when the work of the acquisition is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b). Various implications regarding the issue of ownership of India Office Library have been under continuous examination by the Governments concerned since 1947. A draft arbitration Agreement was received from the Government of United Kingdom in 1968 and is still very much the subject of discussions.

World Table Tennis Championship

4702. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far with technical preparations for hosting the World Table Tennis Championships at Calcutta with particular reference to construction of the stadium, accommodation for spectators, pricing of tickets, Press facilities, T.V. and radio coverage; and

(b) by which time the preparations are expected to be completed for inspection by the International Table Tennis Association authorities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b). The Table Tennis Federation of India which is organising the 33rd World Table Tennis Championships in Calcutta during February, 1975 has furnished the following information:-

(i) The construction of the Indoor Stadium is progressing according to schedule, and the premises would be ready in time for the Championships.

(ii) The said Indoor Stadium has a seating accommodation for 12,000

spectators; residential accommodation for the visiting teams, officials and others has been reserved in various hotels in Calcutta.

(iii) Season ticket of the value ranging between Rs. 40--540 (inclusive of the Entertainment Tax) would be put on sale Tickets in 2 classes namely, Rs. 40 and Rs. 80 have been reportedly reserved exclusively for registered players and students who will be given 50 per cent concession, to be subsidised by the State Government.

(iv) Adequate Press facilities and Radio coverage for the Indian Press and the visiting Press/Radio/TV Corps have reportedly been made.

(v) No specific inspection of the arrangements for the said Championships is required to be undertaken by the International Table Tennis authorities. However, it has been stated by the Federation that some officials of the International Table Tennis Federation would be present in India in the 1st week of January, 1975 and they would be taken to Calcutta to see the arrangements made for the Championships.

MISA for paddy market offenders in States

4703. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many States have declared to use MISA for paddy market offenders; and

(b) how many traders have been arrested so far for increasing the market prices of paddy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.