

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The details are as per the Statement enclosed.

**Statement**

The Department of Telecom is having an independent Quality Assurance Circle. Instead of depending upon the quality inspections performed by the individual companies, this wing of the department has one the most organised set-up for performing the quality assurance functions independently to ensure that all Telecom products procured by DOT conform to the specifications and the quality requirements stipulated by the Department. All the products that are to be procured, have to be type approved by TEC, New Delhi which implies conformance of the product to the genetic requirements stipulated by the DOT. Infrastructure Assessment of the production units which produce these products also form part of the type approved process. The suppliers are permitted to manufacture after their product passes Production Qualification Test. Supply against DOT Purchase orders are received following various tests such as 100% Quality Acceptance & Testing. The Department has also introduced a vendor rating system which takes cognizance of quality by a method of allocating appropriate weightage to quality criteria in the evaluation process.

[English]

**Performance of Indian Players**

1728. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of Indian players and athletes participating in the international events is not satisfactory; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI UMA BHARATI) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that the performance of Indian players in International events, in some disciplines, is found not quite satisfactory, though in some others our players and athletes have performed well in the International events.

(b) The process of improving the standard of sports persons is an on-going process and is undertaken in consultation with Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the

concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs) as part of Long Term Development Plans (LTDP). The Department is providing requisite assistance to the National Sports Federations in their efforts to prepare Indian teams and sportspersons by way of financial, technical and infrastructural support for foreign exposures, foreign coaches, modern and scientific sports equipment.

In particular, the following measures have been taken with a view to improving the standard of our players and athletes in International sports events:—

- (i) *Coaching Camps* : Coaching Camps in many disciplines are in progress at different training Centres of SAI.
- (ii) *International Competitions* : As per the approved programmes under the guidelines, various teams are being sent for participation in International Competitions such as World Cups, Asian Championships and other International Competitions.
- (iii) *Foreign Coaches* : Foreign Coaches from Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Israel, Bulgaria, Cuba, Australia and Mongolia in the disciplines of Athletics, Judo, Kayaking, Archery, Weightlifting, Boxing, Shooting and Wrestling have been engaged for the training of the National Teams.

[Translation]

**Doordarshan Relay Centre in Bakhari Bazar, Bihar**

1729. SHRI HIRA LAL ROY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey in respect of setting up a Doordarshan Relay Centre at Bakhari Bazar of Bakhari sub-division in district Begusarai of Bihar State has been completed;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to complete the said work during the current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) There is no approved scheme, at present, for setting up of TV Relay Centre at Bakhari Bazar.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.