

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4475
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2000
WORLD JUNIOR WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether world junior wrestling championship was held recently in France;
- (b) if so, whether the Indian team could not win any medal due to dismal performance and irresponsible behaviour of Indian officials;
- (c) if so, whether any inquiry has been made in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) if not, the time by which the inquiry is likely to be made and report submitted; and
- (e) the action proposed against the persons found responsible for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian team could not win any medal but its performance can not be said as dismal as Indian wrestlers have got ranks from 4th to 10th in this World Championship. The behaviour of Indian officials was also upto the mark except in one case where a walk over was given against our wrestler Mukesh Kumar.

(c) to (e): On enquiry, it was found that the Chief Coach with the Greco Roman Wrestling team Shri Randhir Singh Panghal had taken the Indian Wrestler Mukesh Khatri for lunch and while they were away the bout of Mukesh Khatri against another wrestler was announced and he could not be present at the mat and a walk over was given to his opponent. Accordingly, Shri Randhir Singh Panghal, Chief Coach was held responsible for this lapse and he has been removed from the position of Chief Coach.