

National Institute of Physical Education and Sports

2637. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's plans to develop sports education in the country with emphasis on Orissa;

(b) whether the Government propose to set-up a National Institute of Physical Education and Sports existing in other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) National Policy on Education-1986 says that:

"Sports and Physical Education are an integral part of the learning process, and will be included in the evaluation performance. A nation-wide infrastructure for physical education, sports and games will be built into the educational edifice".

The "National Curriculum for Elementary and Secondary Education—A framework" brought out by the NCERT in 1988 has recommended that 10% of instructional time at primary and upper primary stages and 9% of the instructional time at the secondary stage of school education should be devoted to health and physical education including sports and games.

The State Governments will implement this curriculum while implementing the national Policy on Education-1986.

The University Grants Commission has formulated a course at the under-graduate level entitled "Three Year Degree Course in Physical Education, Health Education & Sports" having sports as one component of the course. The course was to be introduced in not more than one college of general education (arts, science, commerce and multi-disciplinary colleges) in each district. The University Grants Commission has reported that the Commission had received two incomplete proposals from colleges in Orissa viz. Gunpur College and Ganjam College (affiliated to Berhampur University). The colleges were requested twice to send the proposals after completing all formalities required but the same are still awaited.

(b) and (c). There is no such proposal with the Government.

Central Assistance to Orissa for Minor forest Produce Plantation Programme

2638. DR. KARTIKESHWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are providing special Central Assistance to Orissa for Minor Forest Produce Plantation Programme; and

(b) if so, the details of such assistance rendered during the last two years and achievements made thereunder in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the National Wastelands Development Board provides financial assistance to the State Governments, including Orissa, for raising plantations of Minor Forest Produce, including medicinal plants.

(b) Central assistance provided to Orissa