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Title: Need to set up a National Sports University in Haryana.

SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA (ROHTAK): Recent years have witnessed growing role of sports other than cricket in our nation. Media attention, national honour and international prestige have made participation and winning of medals in competitive sports a matter of great significance. Recently, the Haryana government has adopted various innovative and landmark features in its Sports policy. The most recent of these is the Employment Guarantee Scheme which spells 'bring a medal and get job' offer to the sporting fraternity.

With this policy, Haryana Government has successfully marshaled its sportsmen in CWG 2010 as well as the Asian Games. What they achieved for the country is known to all. Just to outline, 55% of the Gold medals and 35% of the total Indian medals in CWG-2010 and 36% of the Gold medals and 33% of the total medal in Asian Games were bagged by sportsmen of Haryana.

These results highlight the abundant natural talent present in Haryana. Still there remains various shortcomings on the infrastructure side that need to be addressed.

There is a visible shortage of training infrastructure, facilities and world class coaches.

Though there are few sports training facilities operational in the state, need of the hour is to have a pick and chose approach and train amateurs for a longer duration under specialized experts with modern training aids along with training of coaches as per the global standards.

With an intention to bridge this talent and infrastructure gap, I request Hon'ble Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs to consider afresh, sanctioning of a National Sports University for Haryana.

I can assure the House that if a proper policy frame work addressing these infrastructural shortfalls is provided, it will further motivate these sportsmen to perform better and bring more laurels to the country.