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Title: Need to review sports policy.

DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): We had successfully organised Commonwealth Games in New Delhi. The icing in the cake is that we had performed well in the different events of the Games. Of course, we had developed the stadiums in and around Delhi but it is important that sports infrastructure is developed in different parts of the country. If we want to improve our performance in national and international sports events, we have to extensively improve the sports infrastructure, sports facilities, state of the art stadiums and providing huge funds for developing stadiums not just in metros but in the interiors of the country. Huge funds are required to be allocated and spent for instilling sports culture in the psyche of the people of the country. Other than Commonwealth Games held in New Delhi in October, 2010, performance of the country in sports at international events leaves much to be desired. There is a need to review our sports policy. Sports should be given new life and fillip so as to achieve the desired goals. Hence, I would like to urge the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to review its sports policy with a view to improve the performance of the Indian sportspersons in the international events. Stress should be laid on improving our sports stadiums across the country to keep pace with our demand and desire.