

from 6th to 20th December, 1998, which is a higher tally than in the 1994 and 1990 Asian Games in which India secured 4 & 1 Gold Medal respectively and the total medal tally in each Asian Games was 23 medals respectively.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. In order to improve and consolidate on the present performance, the Government has asked each National Sports Federation to draw up a detailed Long Term Development Programme for raising the standard of sport. The holding of tournaments at Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior levels has been emphasised in order to scout talent. The Government has taken new initiatives in opening a National Sports Development Fund. It has commenced a Scheme for promising sportspersons wherein an amount upto Rs. 5.00 lakhs can be sanctioned to individual sportspersons for improving their standards. All the existing sports schemes operated by the Government have been suitably revised. The Sports Authority of India has been asked to hold regular coaching camps and to provide requisite scientific support. Foreign coaches are also being selectively appointed for coaching.

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Funds Released From NSFDC

1. **SHRI ARJUN SETHI** : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of SCs/STs beneficiaries receiving loans in each district of Orissa during each of the last three years;

(b) the total funds released from the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation during each of said years;

(c) whether no beneficiary of this category has been given loans in the district of Balasore and Bhadrak during the said period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) The requisite information is given in the statement enclosed.

(b) The details of terms loan released to Orissa during each of the last three years by the NSFDC are given below :

Year	Amount
1995-96	Nil
1996-97	Nil
1997-98	Rs. 441.44 lakhs

(c) Whereas one beneficiary of Bhadrak district was given loan but no beneficiary from Balasore District received loan.

(d) The less coverage of beneficiaries during the period is attributed to lack of keenness of the banks to provide funds in NSFDC assisted schemes implemented by Orissa SC & ST Finance Development Corporation.

Statement

(Rs./Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Districts	No. of Beneficiaries financed during					
		1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
		No. of Beneficiaries SC	ST	No. of Beneficiaries SC	ST	No. of Beneficiaries SC	ST
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Nayagarh	1	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Kalahandi	1	-	1	-	2	2
3.	Bolangir	2	-	-	-	5	3
4.	Bhadrak	1	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Jharsuguda	-	1	-	-	-	-
6.	Boudh	1	-	-	-	1	-
7.	Nuapada	1	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Puri	3	-	1	-	-	-
9.	Sambalpur	-	-	1	-	1	1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10.	Kendrapara	-	-	1	-	7	-
11.	Rayagad	-	-	1	-	-	1
12.	Dhenkanal	-	-	1	-	-	-
13.	Cuttack	-	-	-	-	7	-
14.	Jagatsinghpur	-	-	-	-	5	-
15.	Jajpur	-	-	-	-	5	1
16.	Ganjam	-	-	-	-	7	-
17.	Deogarh	-	-	-	-	-	-
18.	Bargarh	-	-	-	-	2	-
19.	Phulbani	-	-	-	-	-	3
20.	Sundergarh	-	-	-	-	5	9
21.	Malkangiri	-	-	-	-	-	1
22.	Khurda	-	-	-	-	6	-
23.	Mayurbhanj	-	-	-	-	2	3
24.	Konjhar	-	-	-	-	5	10
25.	Sonepur	-	-	-	-	2	-
Total		10	1	6	-	62	34

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Satellite Based Communication for Rural Development

2. **SHRI AJAY KUMAR S. SARNAIK :**
SHRI C.D. GAMIT :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a satellite based communication networking for rural development operations spread across the country has been mooted in the draft report of the Information Technology Plan, for Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment;

(b) if so, the details of the main recommendation made therein;

(c) whether the latest advances in the information technology like web technology, interactive multimedia, video conferencing, information clearing houses are concerned so that it could extend a complete solution for training purposes in a cost effective manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations are :

- (i) Building and advanced IT framework to support rural development administration.
- (ii) Creation of management, decision & planning support systems at all the levels for effective on-line planning, monitoring and management of wide spectrum of schemes and programmes.
- (iii) Employing IT interface in poverty alleviation programmes.
- (iv) Utilisation of information technology for awareness generation among people.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In the Rural Development sector, there is a great demand for on line, continuous training for multiple level of target audience like Panchayat level training of grass-root functionaries; Block level workers; District level officers; State level officers in order to maintain a uniformity in terms of awareness and understanding and implementation of programmes and schemes.