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Wrestling in India Stron ナパン

- 28. SHRI INDRAJEET MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government propose to provide scholarships to the State and National level wrestlers to promote wrestling in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether the Government propose to reserve some posts for the wrestlers;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of any other separate awards proposed to be announced for the wrestlers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For outstanding performance in the identified sports disciplines including wrestling, scholarships are given @ Rs. 450/- per month at State level and @ Rs. 600/- per month at National level, and @ Rs. 750/- per month at, university/college level.

- (c) and (d) As per existing instructions, 5% of vacancies in group 'C' and 'D' posts in Ministries/ Departments can be filled up by sportspersons including wrestlers provided they fulfil other requirements in terms of age and educational qualification.
- (e) Government does not propose any separate awards for the wrestlers. However, all those awards/ honours such as Arjuna Awards, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards, Dronacharya Awards and Cash Awards are also available to outstanding wrestlers of the country as are being given to other sportspersons. Controller Modern Processing DWCRA Scheme 121-12

- SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : WIII the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :
- (a) the number of Development blocks functioning under the DWCRA scheme in Madhya Pradesh:
 - (b) the number of groups activated in this scheme;
- (c) the number of women being benefited through their participation in the income generation programmes in Madhya Pradesh under the DWCRA scheme; and

(d) the number of SCs/STs women out of the total beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (d) There are 459 blocks in 45 districts in Madhya Pradesh. DWCRA Programme is being implemented in all the districts. 2,290 groups have been formed since inception of the programme benefitting 34,503 women. Of this, 2,566 are SC women and 15926 are ST women.

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Carrying Night Soil on the Head

- SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: WIII Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :
- (a) whether the Government is aware of the practice of carrying night soil on head in Kanpur City and Kanpur Dehat for the last six years:
- (b) if so, the reasons for failure of the centrally sponsored scavengers emancipation scheme; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union and State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is committed to eliminate the inhuman practice of carrying night soil on head and in this regard concerted efforts are made through Schemes of conversion of dry latrines into wet latrines and by training and rehabilitating the scavengers into alternative trades. In this regard 756 scavengers in Kanpur City and 950 scavengers in Kanpur Dehat have been financially assisted for rehabilitation since 1993-94, by the Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation.

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Allocation of Wasteland

- SHRI P.S. GADHAVI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to
- (a) whether there is any proposal for allocation of wasteland to agro-based industries in Kutch district of Gujarat;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the clearance is likely to be given?