

many big towns. I request the hon. Minister to note it. At least in the Seventh Plan we must have some more stadia. I request that one stadium should be established in Warangal also. Steps should be taken to establish sports institutions. Voluntary organisations must be encouraged. National teams must be prepared to participate in international competitions. Proper selection—without any interference of politics or politicians—should be ensured. Qualified coaches should be provided for better results and for the best performance in future.

#### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE —Contd.

[English]

**Delhi Declaration Signed by Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi and H.E. Mikhail S. Gorbachev, Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between India and U.S.S.R. and note on Consular Convention**

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) :** Sir, I beg to lay on the Table :

- (1) Delhi Declaration signed by the Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi and His Excellency General Secretary Mikhail S. Gorbachev on principles for a nuclear-weapon free and non-violent world.
- (2) Agreement on economic and technical cooperation between India and USSR; and
- (3) A Note on Consular Convention between India and USSR signed by me and the Soviet Foreign Minister.

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#### DISCUSSION ON PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN SPORTSMEN AT THE TENTH ASIAN GAMES HEAD AT SEOUL—Contd.

[English]

**SHRI SHARAD DIGHE** (Bombay North Central) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, on 6th November, 1986, when my Starred Question No. 43 on this very subject of our disappointing performance at the Asian Games in Seoul was there and when I was called upon to put a supplementary question by the hon. Speaker, I prefaced my remarks by saying that the overall result at the Asian Games was a matter of shame for India, and I remember, the whole House at that time joined me in that. Genuinely this was the feeling of all Indians and this was reflected in the various editorials that were written by the newspapers at that time. It is but natural because a country which is close to having eight hundred million people could gather only five Gold Medals and could secure only the fifth place in the whole of Asia whereas China and South Korea could gather 94 Gold Medals and 93 Gold Medals, respectively. Even this small success which we got is the result of the performance of a few exceptional individuals such as P.T. Usha and Kartar Singh, who got a gold medal in wrestling. The general rise in the number of high quality performances in a wide range of sports was absolutely lacking as far as these games are concerned.

In the past, as has already been referred to, in Hockey our predominance was acknowledged throughout the world. Now we have suffered traumatic decline in that game also. The one matter of concern is that future also looks very bleak at the moment. Many of these present participants may not be available for participating in the next Asiad and we have not still planned to change the situation as far as the future is also concerned.

In this House and throughout the country also everybody is of the opinion that international sporting success very much matters as far as a nation is concerned. It is always legitimate and very important source for nurturing nationalist feeling and pride.