

ther inbreeding is possible or not, that is a suggestion for consideration.

**SHRI BISHWANATH \*ROY:** May I know why the other States have been deprived of this facility for increasing the breeding of crocodiles?

**SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE:** Now, a few other States have been selected. Orissa is one of the States because it has a high potential. It will give employment also and, for maintenance of our marine ecology, it is desirable to have this. Crocodiles help maintain ecological balance by destroying harmful fish.

#### Indian Agriculture Congress

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\*736. **SHRI R. S. PANDEY:**  
**SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Agriculture Congress have urged for the setting up of a National Union of Agriculture;
- (b) other points discussed at the Congress; and
- (c) reaction of Government there-on?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):** (a) The Indian Agriculture Congress held in New Delhi from 8th to 11th April, 1976 is reported to have passed a resolution to constitute a National Union of Agriculture in India. But the resolution passed or the recommendations made by the Congress have not been communicated to the Government.

(b) As stated in reply to (a) above, no intimation has been received from the Congress about the various points discussed by them.

(c) Does not arise at this stage.

**SHRI R. S. PANDEY:** Sir, the hon. Minister said that the Indian Agricul-

ture Congress which met in Delhi have not passed on the recommendations to the Ministry. It is not a question of whether they have passed on the recommendations or not. Such an important conference took place here which<sup>4</sup> was addressed by our Prime Minister. She herself participated and while addressing the inaugural session of the First Indian Agriculture Congress, Mrs. Gandhi said that rural reconstruction was to prevent the migration of people to urban areas. So, highest attention should be given to increase the agricultural output. There are so many suggestions given by the Prime Minister herself. And then, later on, the Indian Agriculture Congress recommended to Government to have the National Union of Agriculture as a sort of a voluntary organisation to create an atmosphere in the country for the participation and actual involvement of the people in order to create more production where there is dearth of foodgrains. May I know whether his attention was drawn to this by this organisation or the attention of the Government was drawn to this to do something in this respect?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Is it National Union of Agriculture or Agriculturist?

**SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE:** They have suggested this. Various organisations of agriculture are to be brought together. As regards the point raised by the hon. Member, namely, regarding the recommendations, we are awaiting their recommendations and we learn that this organisation has not yet finalised the recommendations. As soon as the recommendations are available to us, we will go into them. Secondly, we would like to encourage the voluntary organisation because we cannot afford to rely only on bureaucracy for the implementation of the developmental programmes.

**SHRI R. S. PANDEY:** May I know whether any recommendation regarding 'incentive bonus' to the farmer has been received from this Organisation and what is the thinking of the Government on this?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Minister says the recommendations have not been finalised so far.

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:** As one of the organisers of this Indian National Congress, I know, this Conference was organised by voluntary organisations and non-officials to promote and bring together all the agricultural unions in this country. The proceedings of the discussions that took place are being finalised and they have written a letter in this respect to the Government. I would like to know whether the Minister is aware of this fact?

**SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE:** Yes, we are aware of it.

#### Sports facilities

\*737. **SHRI K. MALLANNA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved any schemes to improve sports facilities in the country; and

(b) if so, salient features thereof and the facilities Government are going to extend to the sportsmen to compete in Olympic games?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Statement

Government have taken a number of steps for the promotion of sports, games and physical culture in the country, keeping in mind the complementary nature of broad-based mass physical and sports activity on the one hand and competitive sport aimed at excellence and high achievement on the other.

It was decided in the meeting of the State Ministers of Sports, Presidents

of State Sports Councils and President/Members of the All India Council of Sports held in November, 1974 that each State Government/State Sports Council should undertake to involve around 1500 youths in active sports in each Block, thus ensuring the participation of about 80 lakh young men and women by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan period. The guidelines for the development of games, sports and physical culture activities in the country evolved by the Ministry in July, 1975 stress that the programme of creating a mass movement in sports should have precedence over competitive aspect of sports. These guidelines, *inter alia*, envisage the establishment of one youth club in each Panchayat to organise on a regular and sustained basis sports and games activities in indigenous and other games popular in the area. The guidelines have been brought to the notice of the State Governments and they have been requested to give top-most priority to this programme in their plans for the promotion of sports.

A nation-wide programme of rural sports tournaments is in operation since 1970-71 and in this connection special coaching camps are held for rural sportsmen. These tournaments are held at the Block, District, State and National levels and involve a large number of rural and tribal youth. The total number of boys and girls involved during 1975-76 is estimated at about 7 lakhs.

Promotion of sports and games in the rural sector is also an important part of the programmes of the Nehru Yuvak Kendras which have been provided with trained coaches for this purpose. These Kendras encourage establishment of Youth Clubs so as to involve the rural youth into various activities for total development of their personality.

With a view to spotting sporting talent at a young age and to properly develop such talent, 1,300 fresh scholarships are awarded every year under