

LOK SABHA

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES* (Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 / Ashadha 26, 1941 (Saka)

SUBMISSION BY MEMBER

Re: Tension on Indo-China border.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH)

responding to the issue raised by an hon. Member, said: I failed to understand the reasons why the hon. Member raised this issue in the House. I would like to say that the entire nation should remain assured about the security of the borders of the country. Mostly there has been peace and tranquility prevailing on the Indo-China border. But sometimes untoward situations have been arising over there at local level due to the differences of perception about the Line of Actual Control. This is a fact which cannot be denied. Such a situation has been prevailing over there since 1962. The absence of the commonly delineated Actual Line of Control has been the main reason for the emergence of such a situation between India and China. There are a slew of mechanisms between India and China such as Border

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Personnel Meetings between local commanders, flag meeting and hotline to stave off situations like incursions, transgressions, and face off etc. Besides, special representative talks are also held at the diplomatic level, generally at the NSA level in order to sort out the long term issues. Moreover, there is a Working Mechanism for the Consultation and Coordination also under which parleys are also held at the Joint Secretary level and this continues to go on usually at the interval of six months. An informal summit was held between the top leaders of India and China in the Wuhan city in April, 2018. The entire country is aware of this summit which was held between our Prime Minister and the President of China. Special emphasis was given in this summit on maintaining peace and tranquility on the Indo-China border. Both the leaders issued strategic guidance to their respective armed forces after the summit, so that a conducive atmosphere may be created for a better dialogue and mutual trust on the borders of both the countries and better management of border affairs could be made possible. The Government of India is fully conscious of the security requirements of the country. I would like to assure the House that we review the security situation from time to time and take appropriate decisions. Moreover, roads, tunnels, railway lines and air fields are also being developed along the Indo-China Borders in order to ensure the integrity and security of the country. The Government has give its clarification on the Doklam issue and I would not like to say anything further on this issue. The

existing agreements are being respected by both India and China, so that peace and tranquility could be maintained on the border.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (1) **SHRI RAMESHBHAI L. DHADUK** laid a statement regarding toll free movement of local vehicles in Porbandar Parliamentary Constituency.
- (2) **SHRIMATI PRATIMA BHOUMIK** laid a statement regarding need to increase the MSP for rubber.
- (3) **SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK** laid a statement regarding need to provide employment to local people in industrial units in Sidhi & Singrauli districts, Madhya Pradesh.
- (4) **SHRI CHATTAR SINGH DARBAR** laid a statement regarding need to expedite Maksi-Godhra and Chota Udaipur - Dhar railway line projects.
- (5) **SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK** laid a statement regarding street vendors.
- (6) **SHRI RAHUL KASWAN** laid a statement regarding need to check release of polluted water in Indira Gandhi Canal.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Speaker/Chair.

- (7) **SHRI KUNAR HEMBRAM** laid a statement regarding need to establish Santhali medium Eklavya Schools & Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Jhargram Parliamentary Constituency, West Bengal.
- (8) **SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to construct overbridge on Banda Manikpur railway route in Uttar Pradesh.
- (9) **SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA** laid a statement regarding water problem in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- (10) **SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA** laid a statement regarding need to declare Mangarh Dham in Banswara (Rajasthan) a site of national importance.
- (11) **SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA** laid a statement regarding mosques and graveyards being built on government land in Delhi.
- (12) **DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY** laid a statement regarding a dumping ground in Jalpaiguri district, West Bengal.
- (13) **SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI** laid a statement regarding need to run long distance trains via Sikar district in Rajasthan.
- (14) **SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH** laid a statement regarding construction of roads under Bharat Mala project in Bihar.

- (15) **ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE** laid a statement regarding need to decommission more than 60 year old dams in the country.
- (16) **SHRI ANTO ANTONY** laid a statement regarding Sabari Railway Line project in Kerala.
- (17) **SHRI BENNY BEHANAN** laid a statement regarding rise in fraudulent and misleading advertisements.
- (18) **SHRI K. SHANMUGA SUNDARAM** laid a statement regarding six laning of Karur to Coimbatore road.
- (19) **SHRI T. R. V .S. RAMESH** laid a statement regarding opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya at Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu.
- (20) **SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY** laid a statement regarding disinvestment of public sector undertakings.
- (21) **SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR** laid a statement regarding need to provide better rail connectivity to Purnia in Bihar.
- (22) **SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN** laid a statement regarding establishment of mega cluster for wood carving industry of Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- (23) **SHRI RAMULU POTHUGANTI** laid a statement regarding setting up of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Nagarkurnool Parliamentary Constituency of Telangana.

- (24) **SHRI K. NAVASKANI** laid a statement regarding setting up of industries in Ramanathapuram Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.
- (25) **SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL** laid a statement regarding need to provide adequate compensation to farmers in Rajasthan.

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Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Agriculture and

Farmers Welfare- Contd.

***SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

***SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:**

***DR.BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHYAL:**

***SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:**

***DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:**

***SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

***SHRI G M SIDDESHWAR:**

***SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:**

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***SHRI S. C. UDASI:**

***SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

***SHRIMATI SHARDA A. PATEL:**

***SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:**

***KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:**

***SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:**

***SHRIMATI GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI RATHVA:**

***DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:**

***SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:**

***SHRI AJAY TAMTA:**

***SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE;
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF
PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR) *replying said:***

I wish to inform the hon. Members that our Government is doing its best for rural development and has been making endeavours to provide for maximum budget as per its budgetary capabilities. Also, provisions for sufficient funds are being made under each head. This Ministry's Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak Yojana has brought significant changes in the lives of rural people. Under the first phase of this scheme, 1,66,000 habitats have been provided road connectivity. Similarly,

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Government had targeted to construct 50,000 kms. of roads under the second phase of this scheme out of which 29000 kms. of roads have already been constructed. The Government targets to construct 1,25,000 kms of roads in the third phase which is likely to be completed by the year 2024-25. Secondly, earlier roads were constructed at the rate of 76 kms. a day whereas, today we have touched the figure of 135 kms. a day. I wish to inform that our Government has developed an Application called 'Meri Sadak' through which one can stand on any road and file a complaint about the quality of road constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. As far as the quality of roads is concerned, a three level monitoring mechanism has been put in place. Monitoring at district level is done by GM and his team whereas State Quality Monitors have been put in place by the State Government at the State level. Even then, if any complaint is received, it is investigated by the National Quality Monitor. I wish to assure this august House that quality standards have been ensured under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and sufficient funds are also being provided under this scheme. As far as MNREGA is concerned, we have tried that infrastructure built through MNREGA should be useful for people for a long period of time. Apart from that, allocation is also being continually increased with regard to MNREGA. Now, 99 per cent of the payment are being made into the bank accounts of the MNREGA labourers and it has been ensured that there are no middlemen. All the infrastructure built under MNREGA have been Geo-Tagged also. I would also like to say that MNREGA in

its present form is somehow already associated with agricultural activities but still it has some limits. Secondly, various Members have suggested that payments to agricultural labourers should be made through MNREGA. But I am of the view that there are some difficulties involved in it. With regard to Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, I wish to inform that it has gone a long way in changing the life of rural India. Under this scheme, 1.53 crore new houses have been built. Our Government is set to construct 1.95 crore new houses by the year 2021-22 and sufficient funds have been provided for that purpose. Our Government is committed to provide houses to all people by the year 2022 and would be able to fulfil the resolve of our hon. Prime Minister. Similarly, Ujjwala Yojana has been launched to provide LPG cylinder to the poor people. Also, electricity is being provided to poor people under the Soubhagya Yojana. Apart from that, our Government has provided training to approximately 8 lakh people under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushal Yojana, out of which five lakh people have already become self employed. I am pleased to say that the Ministry of Rural Development is making endeavours through "Deen Dayal Antyoday Yojana and Rashtriya Grameen Ajivika Mission" across the country and the results have been very encouraging. Under this programme, we also run "Mahila Kishan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana". I am pleased to share that more than 2 lakh crore rupees have been provided to Self Help Group through banks during the past years. With regard to agriculture sector, there are a number of achievements made by our Government. This Government

is committed for the welfare of villages, the poor and the farmers. I am pleased to say that in all, 13 schemes and 18 sub schemes are being implemented in the agriculture sector. Our Government has made a provision of 8078 crore rupees for agricultural related research in this Budget. Today, we are self-reliant in terms of foodgrains.

If we are self-dependent in the field of foodgrains today, the entire credit for this goes to the agricultural scientists of the country. During the last five years, agricultural sector has gained a lot of respect and now even the educated people are joining this field. About 10000 laboratories, mobile laboratories have been set up for soil health card. Soil health card is very useful from the point of view of saving water, increasing productivity and using less and fixed quantity of chemical fertilisers and pesticides. Taking the water crisis seriously, a separate Ministry of Jal Shakti has been set up. A campaign has been launched in the entire country for water conservation and maximum use of MNREGA funds will be made for conservation of water. The Government is working actively in the field of organic farming under which North-Eastern States have been given priority. There was a time when each farmer used to face urea crisis. Today, queues for urea have ended totally and each farmer is getting sufficient quantity of urea and black marketing of urea has ended. Under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, an effort has been made so that the farmers get maximum benefit at the lowest premium. We are working to ensure that each farmer get a Kisan Credit Card. This Government has

done the maximum procurement at the MSP. Earlier, only 2 crops - Wheat and Rice - were procured, but this time the Government has made all out efforts to procure pulses and oilseeds. We want to further strengthen e-NAM project and the farmers will make good profits through online sale-purchase. The entire country has welcomed the Kisan Samman Yojana. We are planning to formulate a new Rural Warehousing Scheme because the small farmers are unable to bring and keep their produce in the large warehouses. If we want to make India an economy worth 5 trillion dollars, then farmers' contribution is imperative to achieve that goal. We will make smart farms, smart farmers and even smart India. With this, I would request that the Demands for Grants be passed. One senior hon. Member perhaps said that I have stated that all the farmers have become prosperous. I never said so. Still, I did submit that a small farmer works on his field with five family members and if their wages are divided by 365 days, their wages are quite paltry. However, the Government of India is making all out efforts to increase their income gradually. Efforts are underway to augment irrigation, subsidy, pension, PM Kishan Schemes and the MSP. If a farmer shifts from wheat crop to growing fruits, that may add to his productivity as well as his income. Such efforts are made in a gradual process. The Government of India is committed to make the farmers prosperous and well off. The PM Kishan Yojana is linked with landholdings and at present about 14.5 crore farmers are beneficiaries under this scheme. One hon. Member referred to the housing scheme, but ever since the

scheme to provide one room housing unit with kitchen and toilet has been introduced, people started thinking in terms of the provision of a two room set to the poor people. At present, this scheme has been designed with one room set but in future, the suggestion of the hon. Member will be kept in mind. A vast land area in our country is rain fed and barren and it is not used for farming. The ICAR has done some work in such rain-fed areas and the agricultural area of the farmers has been increasing. Hon. Minister of Finance said that the food giver is to be made the energy giver. This is not a mere slogan. Our food giver farmer has such farming land upon which no crop can be grown. But such farmers can produce solar energy on such agricultural fields. The Government of India will buy power from them. This is our future scheme. Now I request that the Demands for Grants relating to my ministries be kindly passed.

All the cut motions moved were negatived.

All the Demands for Grants were voted in full.

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Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE *initiating said:* India is an old country, but a young nation. In this financial year, the hon. Finance Minister has allotted

Rs. 2,216 crore to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The Government has also made some promises, for example, Young Leaders Programme, setting up a National Youth Advisory Council, for encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship, students' loan and setting up of Neighbourhood Youth Parliament across India. But all these promises have been kept as promises only. I presume that this House has the right to know the deliveries made by the Government on its written promises mentioned in the policy document. The Neighbourhood Youth Parliament, Young Leaders Awards and National Youth Advisory Council were programmes to encourage leadership amongst youth but have seen zero budget allocation. The youth hostels have hardly seen any capital allocation. Out of the 80 hostels under Youth Hostels, only 50 are in functional state. I would like to request the hon. Minister to stay in one of such hostels to see the conditions prevailing there. We need to have a concrete plan and not tweets and challenge videos to make a difference in the fields of sports. I would now like to speak about Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. Beyond the paltry token sum allocation of Rs. 257 crore, 39 per cent of the posts in the organization are lying vacant. As an autonomous body, it should have formulated NYKS Pension Trust with a seed money of Rs. 25 crore for the benefit of pensions as is being done in other autonomous bodies. Will the Minister take action in this regard? We take pride in taking over Britain in GDP capitalization, yet we fail to overtake sporting ambitions of our colonial rulers. I hope that the Minister will look into it and

convince the Finance Minister to allocate more funds to the Ministry of Sports. Youth clubs are on the verge of disappearance in villages. In each Panchayat, let us have one youth club which will be funded with an amount of Rs. 1 lakh per year. I would like to suggest that these kinds of steps will have to be taken up in rural areas to engage the youngsters in rural areas.

SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Our former Minister of Sports as well as present Minister of Sports are present here during this discussion. Our hon. Prime Minister does out of box thinking on many issues about which nobody else thinks that way. This comes out of serious deliberation and contemplation. This kind of deliberation and contemplation has resulted in formulation of schemes like Khelo India, Start up India, Skill India, Make in India and Yoga Day. The same deliberation and contemplation also led to *Mann ki Baat* like programme. Such things are not created out of vacuum but out of serious contemplation. Our association with sports is not something new. The sports like wrestling, archery and many other games have been very popular from time immemorial. The sportspersons used to be honoured and respected in those times also. Today, sportspersons of the world wish that they would have been born in India because the Government of India gives enormous funds to them. The Government of Haryana has decided to give six crore rupees to those who win gold in Olympics. The hon. Minister need to pay special attention towards the Sports Code. The Government should either remove the cap on terms or keep it restricted to at least

four terms. The maximum age of 70 or 75 years can be retained. No one will have any objection to it. The *Khelo* India campaign will yield good results. The Government of India and the corporate houses have been providing all types of facilities to the sports persons. Further, I would like to say that we hire foreign coaches in a very large number and we spend a huge amount of funds for this purpose. We can, instead, engage foreign coaches in Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports to train Indian coaches for two or three sessions. It will end our dependence on foreign coaches and sharpen the skills of Indian coaches. If we are able to raise the bar for our coaches, we shall be able to set everything in order in the world of sports.

DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY: I request that the Ministry be renamed as 'Youth Empowerment and Sports'. I feel that the budgetary support provided to the Ministry is inadequate. I request the hon. Minister to revive the *Khelo* India scheme especially in rural areas. My constituency in Chennai is the most backward, economically and socially. Setting up of sporting facilities will divert the focus of local youths and help them improve their lives. I request the Ministry to set up infrastructure and deploy personnel for development of football and boxing. The Mahatma Gandhi Sports Complex building has a very poor infrastructure. I also request that all the blocks in Tamil Nadu should be provided with a sports complex.

SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE: This is the first time that our Government has started a discussion on youth and sports. There are a number of autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports but there is a lack of co-ordination between them. I am sorry to say that I have no firm idea about *Khelo India* scheme, which was launched in 2017. I humbly suggest to the hon. Minister that he must allow only the persons from sports arena to become the policy makers. There is no need to involve a person with political background or bureaucrat in it. I want to say something about football. The Government should bring football players from Gujarat, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and all other States.

Sportspersons need to be provided with wherewithal and proper training. Besides, persons with adequate exposure to sports should be made part of selection process. There should be symbiotic approach to things rather than harboring parapatric outlook in terms of turning our aspiring youth into a national asset.

KUMARI GODDETI MADHAVI: Under the Department of Sports, the Khelo India Programme, National Sports Federation and the Sports Authority of India have the highest allocations. This is a good move. I would request the Government to utilise these funds. Sports has been included as a sub-sector under social and commercial infrastructure. This status makes the sports sector eligible for obtaining long-term financial support from banks and other financial institutions at par with other infrastructure projects. This move has increased the flow of investments into the sports infrastructure sector. I would like to request the

Government to consider a slew of recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Human Resource Development. Alongside, at least one indoor sports facility should be set up in my Parliamentary constituency, Araku.

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE: It is very necessary for the Government to wake up to the problems faced by the sportpersons. In the rural areas the number of playgrounds are few in number which leads to the lack of proper opportunity for the youth despite having passion for sports. There is a good number of talented youth who desire for participation in the matches and competitions but fail to do so as no matches are held there. I would like to urge upon the Government to set up training centre there and there should be an integrated sports centre in every tehsil. Numerous indigenous sports are there which are of Indian origin and are yet to be popular for want of requisite recognition and promotion. Such sports also need to be given impetus.

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR: There has been huge increase in the budgetary allocation for sports in the year 2018-19 as against previous years. I would like to urge upon the Government to set up an international stadium for sports in my parliamentary constituency Gaya which witnesses massive visit of foreigners. It is necessary to promote sports there. Less than 15 per cent people of the country are equipped with sports facilities. My submission is that other than causing awareness among people on this count, Sports Universities should be set up in all the States of the country. Proper arrangements should be made for sports events

especially in the backward States like Bihar in order that the youth of Bihar may also get equal opportunity to participate in the competitions like those belonging to the other States of the country.

SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA: Youth is the future of tomorrow's India and the sports has a tremendous potential to save this future. We are on the right path to becoming a sporting powerhouse. The Khelo India Programme has been launched to revive the sports culture in India at the grassroot level by building a strong framework for all sports played in our country and establish India as a great sporting nation. The State Government of Odisha has created world-class infrastructure to host many global sporting events. It has hosted many events like the Junior Women's Rugby Tournament, 22nd Asian Athletics Championship, Men's Hockey World League and also World Cup Hockey. Odisha is shaping the future of sports in India. I support the Demands for Grants relating to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

KUNWAR DANISH ALI: India has so many talents and it could be number one in sports in the world. More opportunities should be made available to the youth. If we facilitate them with proper infrastructure they can be world class players. There is a nexus of politicians and bureaucrats in Sports Associations. This must be ended. I would like to request the hon. Minister of Sports to construct a stadium in my Amaroaha Parliamentary Constituency. There are so many talented youth in my Parliamentary Constituency.

COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE: Being a sportsperson I can proudly say that focus on sports has increased. Sports and sportspersons are being honoured now. The life of a sportsperson is full of challenges. If a player wants to play and he does not get proper opportunity or proper platform then it is a big challenge. Our Government is providing ample opportunities to the sportspersons. One can get more knowledge in the field of sports than sitting in a class room. Sports also play a role of diplomacy. Cricket diplomacy between India and Pakistan is its clear example. For the first time an Olympic Task Force has been constituted and sports experts have been placed therein. Youth games have been introduced under '*Khelo India*' programme for the youth in the age group of 17-21 years. We have also organized '*Khelo India*' games' for the first time and about 7000 sportspersons have participated in these games. Every child does not get a chance to participate in Common Wealth or Asian Games but we can give them a feel of Common Wealth games at school level. Prime Minister's '*Khelo India*' vision envisages that a sportsperson who play presently at school level will be playing at international level in the coming ten years. We have developed a mobile App and we are going to start selection process through this mobile Application. The Government has fixed a target to set up a sports school in every district. I thank the hon. Finance Minister for announcing to constitute a National Sports Education Board. Coaches are very important. We have decided to provide 30 per cent incentives to grass root coaches, 30 per cent to intermediate coaches and the

rest 40 per cent to the coaches of international level. We want to develop community coaches. The salary of coaches should be sufficient enough and fee structure should be reasonable. There is no dearth of funds with the Ministry of Sports. The Government will fulfill all types of financial requirements in the field of sports through the National Sports Development Fund. Funds for the Ministry of Sports have also been enhanced in the Budget. We have so much of potential that we must set a target to achieve 100 Olympic medals till the year 2032.

SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P: I am thankful to this Government for according so much importance to this Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. This is a welcome step. We should give much importance to sports for the youth of our country. I would like to draw the attention of this Government to my Constituency Lakshadweep. We do not have swimming infrastructure there. I would like to urge upon the Government to kindly provide an international standard swimming pool in Lakshadweep. We need technical experts to train our youths so that they can be taken forward in a right way to yield good results for our own nation. India has the real caliber in remote paces. Lakshadweep is an area where you need to concentrate on many aspects. I urge the hon. Minister to support us with more funds.

***SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN**

*** SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH**

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***SHRI.B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA**

***SHRI K. SHANMUGA SUNDARAM**

***SHRI S.R PARTHIBAN**

***SHRI K. SUBBARAYAN**

***SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR**

***SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE**

***SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT**

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI: People did not give much importance to the sports in olden days but now sports have become very attractive in terms of money also. The present Government is giving much recognition to the sports persons. The sports persons should get the assistance when they need it most. Their felicitation on winning the medals only is not enough. There is a need to construct stadia in the country especially in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and in my constituency in Delhi. Some days back, National Sports University was inaugurated in Manipur and now setting up of National Sports Education Board is a welcome step. Sports keep the youth fit and healthy. There is a need to give more respect and appreciation the sports persons.

***SHRI SAPTAGIRI ULAKA**

*** SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE**

***SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN**

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SHRI HIBI EDEN: India would be the human resource capital for the entire world by the year 2020. So, we have to channelise this demographic dividend in a proper way. Sports need to be promoted in schools in a big way. Drug abuse by youngsters is a serious concern. This can be mitigated by promoting sports. So, there is a need to ensure that sports facilities and infrastructure is available to all sports. Sports can provide the youth with career opportunities also. The Nehru Yuva Kendra upholds unparalleled track record to its credit. Allocation of funds for Nehru Yuva Kendra Clubs should be increased. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's name should not be removed from the Nehru Yuva Kendra. We have talents from the extremely rural parts of our country but unfortunately, we are not able to tap them properly. There is a need to promote football in the country. Right opportunity at right time is something which is very important. So, I request the Government of India to increase funds for certain games as well as to make sure that every panchayat, every municipality and corporation of our country have open playgrounds and stadiums to promote sports.

SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI: Setting up of the National Sports Education Board will give sports a new direction. Our revolutionary Ram Prasad Bismil ji was an inspiration to the youth. In his book he wrote that he wanted to inspire the youth of the country to go to the villages and impart education to the children of the poor, the labourers and the farmers and make them cultured. Our Government is also encouraging the youth of the country in the field of sports.

Today, our youth are imparting coaching in foreign countries. Sports make the youth fearless and inculcate in them the capacity to make instant decisions. Sports make them healthy also. Besides sports, Yoga and meditation is also very important.

*** SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL**

***DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT**

***SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA**

SHRI DEEPAK (DEV) ADHIKARI: The youth is the present of India. Besides, they are the shaper of the India's future. The biggest problem of today's youth is unemployment. It is the job of the Department of Youth Affairs to help develop creative energies and personality of youth and involve them in various nation-building activities. However, the Department is neither well equipped with budgetary allocation nor human resource to fulfil its mandate. Together, 62 per cent of the Ministry's allocation has gone to *Khelo India*, Sports Authority of India and National Sports Federations. The schemes of the Department of Youth Affairs are left only with a small share in the budgetary allocations. The Government's flagship *Khelo India* programme has failed to attract young sporting talent. The Central Government has spent over Rs.5200 crore in advertisements. If we use this fund for the youth, the condition of the youth would be better. The youth who want to pursue sports as their career, should get proper training and other facilities.

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They should be assured of their secured future. Although, West Bengal is providing financial and job related assistance to unemployed youth through Yuvashree Scheme. There is a Khelasree scheme under which two lakh rupees are given to clubs, organisations etc. just to promote sports. I would request the Government to encourage the youth to come and participate for the betterment of India.

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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