GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED OUESTION NO-949

ANSWERED ON 09/02/2023

SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE WFI PRESIDENT

949. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

- (a) by when, the committee constituted in the matter of sexual harassment allegations against President of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), is expected to come out with its report;
- (b) whether Government has a plan to ensure that the members of the Committee are notunder any undue influence while conducting their investigation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The Oversight Committee appointed by the Ministry to enquire into the allegations of sexual misconduct, harassment and / or intimidation, financial irregularities and administrative lapses, levelled by prominent sportspersons and to undertake day-to-day administration of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)has been asked to complete the enquiry at the earliest, by four weeks.

The Oversight Committee is headed by Ms. M.C. Mary Kom, Major DhyanchandKhelRatna Awardee and Olympic Medallist, and consists of prominent sportspersons and sports administrators, and is independent in its functioning.
