

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3450  
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HOSTEL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN BACKWARD AREAS  
N.T. SHANMUGAM

**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to construct hostels for boys and girls in order to promote sports activities and active participation/training of youths from rural backward and remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken for optimum utilization of the funds allocated under this head?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) No, Sir. However, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) an autonomous organization fully funded by Government of India, runs schemes namely Special Area Games (SAG), SAI Training Centre (STC), Centre of Excellence where in-house training is provided to selected trainees. These centres have hostel facilities for the selected trainees.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.