

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:312
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2002
SCHEMES TO PROMOTE SWIMMING AND ARCHERY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for promotion of swimming in the coastal areas and archery in the tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds likely to be provided for the implementation of these schemes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 312 FOR REPI 11.12.2002 BY SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA AND SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI REGARDING SCHEMES TO PRO SWIMMING AND ARCHERY

(a) & (b): The promotion of a particular sport, primarily, is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF). NSFs, are registered Societies, which are autonomous in their functioning. Accordingly, formulation of any scheme for promotion of a particular sport is the responsibility of the concerned NSF. However, the Government supplements efforts of NSFs by providing assistance under its `Assistance to National Sports Federations` scheme, for training and participation of national teams in overseas tournaments, holding of national championships at sub-junior, junior and senior levels, organization of international tournaments in India, training/coaching of national teams under Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and providing requisite technical and scientific back-up.

Besides, as far as Swimming and Archery are concerned, these disciplines are also included in the sports promotion schemes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), namely, SAI Training Centres (STC), Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) and Special Area Game (SAG) Centres.

There is no scheme exclusively for training swimmers in the coastal areas. However, swimmers are selected from the coastal areas for admission under the above-said schemes of SAI. At present, two centres, namely, Trissur (Kerala) and Goa have 24 swimmers from coastal areas.

In case of Archery, under the schemes of ABSC, STC and SAG, 128 trainees are being trained at 11 centres. All these archers are scouted from the tribal belt and trained in the centres.

(c): Under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, assistance is provided to NSFs on the basis of proposals received from them. Under the sports promotion schemes of SAI, during 2002-03, funds to the tune of Rs. 77 lakhs will be provided for the disciplines of Swimming and Archery.