

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

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

- (a) whether the Sports Authority of India has sent any talent scouts to tribal areas to find youth who are excellent archers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how many tribal youth have been identified from Andhra Pradesh for further training in archery; and
- (d) the time by such training would start?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to scout and nurture talented archers from the tribal belts of the country, Sports Authority of India conducts regular talent scouting and inducts the selected archers in its sports promotional schemes to provide them scientific coaching with international standard equipment to excel at National and International level competitions.

To admit the talented archers in the SAI schemes, talent scouting was conducted in the tribal belts of North Eastern region, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, etc.

This apart, as a special drive to select archers from various states, SAI in association with All India Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram Parishad and Archery Association of India conducted National Vanvasi Archery Championship at Kolkatta in the month of December, 2002 and the selected archers from the championship were subjected to an assessment camp and finally 34 archers (20 Boys and 14 Girls) were selected for admission in SAI Centres.

(c) Sports Authority of India conducts regular selection trials for selection of talented archers from the tribal belts of Andhra Pradesh in association with Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh and Institute of Tribal Development Authority. At present 22 archers selected from tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh are under-going training at SAI Training Centre Nizamabad. Master N. Ravinder, U. Prasad Rao, V. Premkant and K. Seetha from SAI Training Centre Scheme (STC) Nizamabad have recently won 6 medals in the 1st Asian Jr. Archery Championship held at Jamshedpur during January, 2003.

(d) The regular training for the archers selected under SAI sports Promotional schemes for the academic year 2003-04 has commenced with effect from June 1st, 2003.