

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

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

- (a) whether any sponsored scheme relating to sports activities is being implemented in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of the scheme; and
- (c) the funds allocated under this scheme during the last two years and the fund proposed to be allocated during the remaining period of Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b) : Government of India has introduced a Centrally Sponsored Scheme named 'Scheme of State Sports Academy' for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. The main objective of the Scheme is to select the best available talent in sports between the age group of 10-13 years, as well as, the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years and to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level.

No proposal has been received from Gujarat in this regard.

Another Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. "Scheme relating to Infrastructure" which included four components namely 'Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure'; 'Grants to Rural School for purchase of Sports Equipment and Development of Playground'; 'Grants for promotion of Sports in Universities and Colleges' and 'Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces' has been transferred to State Sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

In addition, Government of India through Sports Authority of India (SAI) has implemented the following scheme in State of Gujarat.

1. Under Rural Sports Programme, All India Rural tournaments, 2004-05, were held during Dec. 2004 and January, 2005 at Agra (UP), Korba (Chattisgarh) and Aurangabad (Maharashtra) in which 151 sportspersons from Gujarat participated.
2. Under Sports Scholarship Scheme, 178 students have been awarded scholarship amounting to Rs. 12,40,500/- during the year 2004-05.
3. Under National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) scheme, Sports Authority of India has adopted Navodaya Vidyalaya at Kheda.
4. SAI Training Centre (STC) is being run at Gandhinagar.
5. A Centre of Excellence (COX) is operational at Gandhinagar.

(c) The total outlay envisaged under Centrally Sponsored 'Scheme Relating to Infrastructure' in 10th Five Year Plan was Rs. 312.61 crore. So far budget provision for 2003-04 is Rs. 35 crore and 2004-05 is Rs. 48.05 crore.. Grants will be provided for completion of ongoing approved projects during the 10th Five Year Plan to the extent of committed liability.

The total outlay for 10th Five Year Plan for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'State Sports Academy' was Rs. 93.24 crore. In 2003-04 and 2004-05, budget provision was Rs. 7.00 crore each. During the 2003-04 and 2004-05, no funds could be released for want of viable proposals. Funds released during the remaining period of the 10th Five Year Plan will depend on receipt of viable proposals from State Governments during that period.