

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

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INTERNATIONAL STANDARD TRAINING FACILITY FOR ATHLETES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide an international standard training facility to athletes in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a)&(b): The Government of India is funding Sports Authority of India for running training centres in various parts of the country, which have International Standard infrastructure facilities to impart training to sportspersons and athletes. These facilities are available at the Regional Centers of SAI at Patiala, Bangalore, Kolkata and Gandhinagar and sub-centre at Lucknow.

Foreign/Indian coaches are deployed for imparting training in various disciplines.

In addition, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is also providing Central assistance to State Governments/Statutory Bodies/Universities/Colleges etc. for creation of sports infrastructure facilities like laying of synthetic athletic track/Hockey surfaces, international standard swimming pool stadia, etc. under the Scheme of `Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure.` and `Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces`.