

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

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VACANT POSTS OF SPORTS TRAINERS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of posts of trainers, coach, physios etc. are lying vacant in his Ministry ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;
- (c) the adverse impact on sports activities as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to fill up these vacant posts;
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (f) the details of the percentage of funds allocated under the Union budget for Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; and
- (g) the time by which these vacant posts are likely to be filled up ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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(a) to (e): According to information received from the Sports Authority of India (SAI), there are two vacancies in the posts of Physiotherapists. As far as coaches are concerned, the situation is dynamic because the need for coaches depends upon the number of centres of SAI established under various schemes, the number of trainees in the SAI centres, which has grown significantly over the years, the diverse requirements of the National Sports Federations (NSFs) with reference to the coaching/training of national teams, etc. At present, there are 1382 regular coaches and 59 coaches have been employed on contract basis by SAI.

There has been a ban on direct recruitment since 1996, due to which vacancies have not been filled up on regular basis, and efforts have been made to engage persons on contract in different functional areas, based on need. After the ban on direct recruitment, studies were also done by the Staff Inspection Unit to assess the requirements between 1998-2000. In terms of these studies, there are no significant vacancies in respect of coaches, but when analysed on the basis of discipline-wise requirements and availability, there are imbalances which, put together, reveal a situation of both excess and shortage.

Keeping the above situation in view, the SAI has been asked to conduct a detailed study of their human resource requirements and put up a comprehensive proposal before the Governing Body.

(f) A perusal of the relevant budget documents indicates that the funds allocated under the Union budget for the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, at Rs. 669 crores (BE), amounts to 0.1186% of the total expenditure budget.

(g) In view of the reply to parts (a) to (e), no specific time frame can be indicated at this stage.