

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

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SPORTS PROGRAMMES FOR TALENTED CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the sports programmes and facilities provided/proposed to be provided to encourage talented children and youth in the country; and

(b) the steps taken for universalisation of sports facilities and making it available for all individuals at educational institutions and various training centres?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M. S. GILL)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has been implementing various sports schemes, as indicated below, to provide sports facilities and financial assistance to encourage promotion of sports among the talented children and youth of the country :-

- (i) All India Rural Sports Tournament
- (ii) Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools
- (iii) National Sports Championship for Women
- (iv) North East Games
- (v) Sports Scholarships
- (vi) Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training
- (vii) Scheme of Financial Assistance to National Sports Federations
- (viii) National Sports Development Fund
- (ix) Special cash awards to sportspersons

Further, the Government has recently approved the Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan, which aims at creation of basic sports infrastructure at grassroots level, in all panchayats of the country, in a phased manner during 11th and 12th Five year Plan periods, and organizing sports competitions at village, block and district levels.