

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

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

- (a) the number of coaching camps for various games organized during 2006-07 and 2007-08;
- (b) the details of venues/locations where such camps were organized;
- (c) the criteria for selection of cities for organizing such camps;
- (d) the number of national/international level sports persons selected from such camps for various games; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to organize such camps in backward tribal dominated regions of the country?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): 271 national coaching camps were organized in 2006-07 and 283 national coaching camps were organized in 2007-08 for various games at New Delhi, Patiala, Bangalore, Bhopal, Gandhinagar, Sonapat, Kolkota, Guwahati, Imphal, Gwalior, Shiloro, Goa, Nellore, Vishakhapatnam, Dehradun, Tirupati, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Jamshedpur, Trivendrum, Alleppy, Lucknow, Hissar, Chennai, Chandigarh, Cochin, Gurgaon and Siliguri.
- (c) The city for holding of coaching camp is decided during discussions on the Long Term Development Plan as per action plan prepared by the National Sports Federations. Final decision about the venue is taken based on various factors like age group of players, level of training required, availability of infrastructure and other facilities.
- (d) 4000 sportspersons in various categories underwent training at various National Coaching Camps in 2007-08. Out of these nearly 1000 sportspersons represented the country in various international competitions while 3000 sportspersons participated in National level competitions.
- (e) Sports Authority of India holds coaching camps in the backward tribal dominated region including its centres in North Eastern States and other places like Sundergarh and Jagatpur in Orissa and Bhillai in Chattisgarh.