

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3781  
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2005  
RURAL SPORTS PROGRAMME  
Dhanaraju Dr. K.

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

- (a) whether Rural Sports Programme was launched in 1970-71 with a view to tap hidden talent in rural areas;
- (b) if so, whether there is no such activity in rural areas of Tamil Nadu and no tournaments were organised by the Sports Authority of India;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the rural tournaments held during each of the last three years and the sport persons of rural areas selected for national level games?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) & (c) No, Sir. Till 31.3.2004, the rural sports tournaments at the Block and district levels were organized by the State/UT Government from their own resources. Under the revised scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 30,000/- per discipline is payable for district level tournaments to State Government through Sports Authority of India (SAI) and directly to NGOs/NYKS by the Government of India. However, the tournaments have to be organized by State Governments/NGOs only. However, All India Rural Sports Tournaments are being organized by SAI, which also provides assistance to State Government agencies for selecting sportspersons for the said tournaments. Tamil Nadu has been participating in almost all the All India Sports Tournaments.

(d) The details of All India Rural Tournaments organized by Sports Authority of India during the last three years is at Annexure 'A'

The information regarding the sports persons of rural areas of Tamil Nadu selected for national level games is at Annexure 'B'.

**ANNEXURE 'A'**

**ANNEXURE 'A' REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3781 FOR 19.4.2005 REGARDING RURAL SPORTS PROGRAMME ASKED BY DR. K. DHANARAJU**

Year	Group	Dates	Venue	No. of ParticipantS
2002-03	Group - I	Nov.24-27,2002	Anandpur Sahib (Punjab)	1143
	Group - II	Dec.15-18,2002	Davanagere (Karnataka)	1386
				Total: 2529
2003-04	Group - I	Jan 8-11, 2004	Pondicherry	982
	Group - II	Nov.14-17,2003	Siliguri (WB)	906
	Group - III	Jan. 3-6, 2004	Ranchi (Jharkhand)	1114
				Total 3002
2004-05	Group - I	Jan 13-16,2005	Aurangabad (Maharashtra)	1001
	Group - II	Dec.16-19,2004	Agra (UP)	1046
	Group - III	Jan 4-7, 2005	Korba (Chattisgarh)	1052
				Total : 3099

ANNEXURE 'B'

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No of sportspersons of rural areas of Tamil Nadu selected for national level games

Year 2002-03

Sl. No.	Name of the Player	Game
1.	P. Gayatri	Volleyball
2.	S. Priya	Volleyball
3.	A. Serita	Volleyball
4.	A. Gowari	Volleyball
5.	Bakiya Raj	Volleyball
6.	Balasubramaniam	Volleyball
7.	Suresh	Volleyball
8.	Raja Pandi	Volleyball
9.	Vigesh	Athletics
10.	P.Divya Priya	Athletics
11.	P. Radhika	Athletics
12.	R. Suganya	Athletics
13.	A. Aniteham	Athletics
14.	R. Esakki	Kabaddi
15.	N. Parkash	Kabaddi
16.	Baby Sangeeta	Hockey
17.	S. Dhanlaxmi	Hockey

Year 2003- 04

1.	T. Vinoth	Kho-kho
2.	S. Viveki	Kho-kho
3.	R. Vjayanand	Kho-kho
4.	P. Ilamathy	Kho-kho
5.	N. Muthamil	Kho-kho
6.	Rasna	Hockey
7.	J. Kalaiivani	Hockey
8.	M.G. Saranya	Hockey
9.	G. Manjunathan	Wt. Lifting
10.	M. Thangaraj	Wt. Lifting
11.	D. Kalden Tenzing	Football
12.	D. Selya Prabhu	Volleyball
13.	S. Suresh Kumar	Volleyball
14.	R.G. Rama Subamaniam	Volleyball
15.	R. Elayarasan	Volleyball
16.	C. Mathialagan	Volleyball

Year 2004- 05

1.	A. Mariyappan	Wt. Lifting
2.	B. Gopala Krishna	Athletics
3.	S. Sarnath Kumar	Athletics
4.	C.Nikhil Chitrarosh	Athletics
5.	P. Petchiammal	Athletics
6.	P. Jamit Shiry	Athletics
7.	S. Subeshni	Athletics
8.	Shakuntala Devi	Athletics