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PROMOTION OF SPORTS AMONG TRIBAL YOUTHS

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

(a) whether there is any policy for promotion of sports among tribal youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the facilities being provided to tribal youths under the said policy;

(d) the details of funds provided by the Union Government for the development of tribal youths during the last three years and thereafter, State-wise; and

(e) the number of youths benefited from such assistance during the said period, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Sports is a state subject and promotion of sports at state level is the responsibility of the concerned State Govt. The Government of India, in its National Sports Policy 2001, has indicated its commitment to supplement the efforts of State Governments for tapping the latent talent from tribal areas and training them. Accordingly, Government of India through the following schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) augments the efforts of the State Governments in promotion of sports for improving sports performances at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior category so as to achieve excellence at State/National/International level :-

- National Sports Talent Contest Scheme
- Army Boys Sports Company
- SAI Training Centre (STC)
- Centre of Excellence (COX)
- Special Area Games (SAG)

At present 16 SAG Centres which predominantly target youth from tribal and coastal areas are operational in the various parts of the country imparting training to 1388 sports persons (Boys 901 and Girls 487) in 21 sports disciplines.

(c) The selected sports persons under the scheme are provided with free boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical and insurance cover. Apart from this trainees are trained with modern sports equipment by SAI coaches with regular scientific backup.

(d) There is no provision for State-wise allocation. However, total grant released to various states during the last 3 years is Rs. 12.20 Crores.

(e) During the 2001-02 to 2003-04, 3582 Youths have benefited under the Special Area Games (SAG) scheme.