

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN UNIVERSITIES OF ORISSA
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware the pathetic state of affairs in sports and games sector in the universities of Orissa;
- (b) whether the resource crunch is the only reason for the neglect of sports activities in all the three Universities in the State ; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to sanction adequate funds for promotion of sports and games in Universities in that State ?

Answer

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

(a) As per information received from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), at present three universities of Orissa are participating in All India Inter-Universities Tournaments. Out of these, two Universities namely Sambalpur and Utkal are regularly participating in All India Inter- Universities Tournaments. The standard of sports in these Universities is improving progressively despite various constraints. Their results in Hockey (Men) and Archery are encouraging. The participation & performance standards of Behrampur University are not significant.

(b) Resource crunch is an important reason. Other reasons include comparatively weak structure of domestic competitions in the state, lack of adequate sports infrastructure, lack of investment by corporate sector etc.

(c) 'Sports' being a state subject, promotion of sports in a State is, primarily, the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Government of India had been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments including the Government of Orissa by providing financial assistance for creating sports facilities in various places of the country including schools, colleges & Universities, under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes including Promotion of Sports in Universities & Colleges. All the centrally sponsored sports infrastructure schemes have since been transferred to state sector wef. 1.4.2005. Now, the State Governments/Universities/Colleges would need to entirely fund the creation of basic sports facilities for development of Sports and games in the country out of their own resources.

Central assistance has been provided to various colleges / Universities of Orissa under the 'Scheme of Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities and Colleges, as per details given below :

Year	Amount released(Rs. in lakhs)	No. of colleges/ Universities of Orissa assisted
2002-03	58.98	24
2003-04	83.60	40
2004-05	57.98	32