

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

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SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) whether the country is unable to achieve a mark in the international level sporting events due to lack of world class sports infrastructure in the country, adequate training facilities and weak economic support to sports persons ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ;
- (c) the constraints being faced in providing such facilities alongwith the measures being taken in this regard ;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan/scheme for encouraging the tribals and persons from weaker socio-economic background to take up sports ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the fund provided in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a): No, Madam. Government is providing state of art sports infrastructure facilities to the national athletes training in national coaching camps.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.
- (d) & (e): All the sports promotional schemes of the Government are inclusive schemes and encourage gender parity and participation as well as main streaming of all sections of the society, including tribals. Sports Authority of India operates a Special Area Games Scheme, which specifically aims at tapping talent from tribal, rural, and coastal areas of the country. At present there are 21-centres under this Scheme in which around, 2000 boys and girls are being trained.