

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

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PROPOSAL FOR SYNTHETIC TURF
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to lay synthetic turf in the play grounds/stadiums in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Goa ;
- (c) the funds allocated/released for the purpose, State-wise and the progress made so far in this regard, State-wise ;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The synthetic surfaces for hockey and athletics at SAI Regional Centres/ Sub-Centres are laid, keeping in view the potential and popularity of the game in the area and the availability of requisite infrastructure support from the state government.

During the current financial year, the synthetic athletic tracks at Gandhinagar and Kolkata were relaid and a new athletic track at Thiruvananthapuram was laid. The synthetic athletic tracks at the following places are likely to be completed during the Eleventh Five Year Plan as detailed below:

Sl. No. Location

1. Guwahati
2. Tarantaran
3. Imphal
4. Kollam
5. Bhopal
6. Gwalior
7. Aurangabad
8. Bhubaneswar
9. Dehradun
10. Lucknow
11. Tirunelveli
12. NEHU, Shillong

As regards hockey, synthetic surfaces have been laid at Sonapat, Shilaroo, Sundargarh and Kolkata during the current financial year. In addition, synthetic hockey surfaces at the following locations are planned to be laid during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

Sl. No. Location

1. Bareilly
2. Amritsar
3. Kandivali, Mumbai
4. AMU, Aligarh
5. Dehradun
6. Rajnandgaon
7. Tikamgarh
8. Kurukshetra
9. Kollam
10. Aurangabad
11. NEHU, Shillong
12. Imphal
13. Thenzual (Mizoram)
14. Kokarajhar (Assam)