

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN TRIBAL/ RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) the policy of the Government for promotion of sports among tribal/ rural youths and encouraging rural athletic events in the country;
- (b) the details of the facilities being provided to tribal/rural youths under the said policy during each of the last three years and the current year, State- wise;
- (c) the details of the assistance provided for promotion of sports among tribal/ rural youths to State Governments;
- (d) the funds provided for development of tribal/rural youths during the said period, State –wise; and
- (e) the number of tribal/rural youths benefited from such assistance during the said period in various States including Orissa ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (e) National Sports Policy envisages broad basing and achieving excellence in sports besides developing a strong sporting culture in India. Its objectives interalia includes participation of scheduled tribes and rural youth in sports. Government of India introduced a nationwide mass participation programme called 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhyan (PYKKA) in 2008-09 for creation of basic sports infrastructure in all village and block panchayats and for organizing annual sports competitions at block, district, state and national level, including indigenous and martial arts. Funding pattern under PYKKA scheme and State-wise sanction and release of grants under PYKKA scheme during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are given in Annexure-I & II, respectively. Under SAI scheme of Special Area Games (SAG), sports talent in tribal areas is identified and nurtured. The trainees, who are in the age group of 14 to 21 years, are admitted in the training centres on residential and non-residential basis. They are provided with sports kit, sports equipments, competition exposure, insurance, medical expenses, etc. There are 21 centres wherein 1142 boys and 775 girls are now being trained.