

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

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FUNDS FOR PROMOTING SPORTS IN NE STATES  
Toppo Shri Joseph

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

- (a) the total funds allocated/released to the North-Eastern States during each of the last three years and the current year to promote sports and youth affairs and for construction of stadium and youth hostels;
- (b) whether the budgetary allocations made for such schemes/programmes have been adequate;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any special schemes/policy has been launched by the Government to encourage the youth to take up sports in the said States including Assam; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Funds allocated/released to the North-Eastern States for promoting sports and youth affairs during the last three years and the current year is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Allocation	Fund released
2007-08	68.25	63.44
2008-09	54.70	48.47
2009-10	70.10	64.65
2010-11	139.00	5.56

The Budgetary allocations made for such schemes/programmes have been adequate.

(d) & (e): Under the national programme titled 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan' (PYKKA) in 2008-09, for creation of basic sports infrastructure and promotion of sports and games in all village and block panchayats of the country, the Department of Sports have already provided a sum of Rs.20.00 Crores to the North Eastern States during the last two years. The Lakshmbai National University of Physical Education (LNUPE) has opened a campus in Guwhati, Assam. Further, the NSS has a regional centre in Guwhati, Assam, with a strength of 1.20 lakh volunteers in the North Eastern Region. The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has taken the following programmes in the NE Region, including Assam, namely Bharat Parikrama Programme, street theatre/kala jattha campaign for local peace and harmony, capacity building of tribal youth on skill development and employability, training of volunteers for disaster prone areas in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), National Integration Camps (NIC), skill up-gradation training programme for women and Youth Leadership and Personality Development programme. The Government has set up 15 Youth Hostels in the North-Eastern States and 3 more Youth Hostels namely Roing in Arunachal Pradesh, Thoubal and Churachandpur in Manipur are in an advanced stage of completion.

The first ever North East Youth Festival was organized Kohima, Nagaland from 8th to 10th October, 2009, jointly by the Government of India and the State Government of Nagaland. 1300 youth from north eastern states participated in the festival. Further, North-East Games are organized by the Ministry in the North-Eastern States every year.