

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6311  
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WATER SPORTS ACADEMY  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether Kerala State is an ideal spot for the promotion of Water Sports including swimming, rowing, canoeing/kayak, sailing, yachting and water-skiing;
- (b) if so, whether the Water Sports Academy under the Scheme of Special Area Games was started by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in Alappuzha district of Kerala;
- (c) if so, whether the Kerala Government has requested SAI to start sub-centres of the Academy in other areas of the State;
- (d) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the SAI/Government in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Recognising the importance of Kerala in Water Sports, Alappuzha has been chosen as one of the centres for holding National Games on Water Sports.
- (b) In Alappuzha, SAI has its Special Area Games (SAG) Centre, where coaching/training is provided in water sports to students as under:-

	Boys	Girls	Total
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|-------------|----|----|----|
| 1. Kayaking | 09 | 21 | 30 |
| 2. Canoeing | 06 | 06 |    |
| 3. Rowing   | 09 | 22 | 31 |

- (c) Kerala Government made a request to start 3-4 Sub-Centres of SAI in Kerala.
- (d) & (e): At present the emphasis is on strengthening the existing centres of SAI and not on starting new centres.