

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:142
ANSWERED ON:14.07.2009
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BASIC SPORTS TO YOUTH
Singh Shri Dushyant

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any Centrally Sponsored Scheme for providing basic sports and infrastructure in villages and block panchayats of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the manner in which it has helped the youth in providing access to competitive organized sports;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up more Nehru Yuva Kendras and to promote National Service Scheme (NSS) in 2009-10; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 142 ASKED BY SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BASIC SPORTS TO YOUTH

(a): Yes, Sir. Government has, for the first time, introduced a centrally sponsored scheme with national coverage for the promotion of basic sports infrastructure and sports competitions in all village and block panchayats of the country. The Xth Five Year Plan outlay for this scheme, which was launched in the financial year 2008-09, is Rs.1500 crore. The scheme envisage to cover around 2.50 lakh village panchayats and 6,400 block panchayats (including their equivalent units) in a phased manner over a period of 10 years at an annual coverage of 10%.

(b): The following pattern of assistance has been adopted under the Scheme: -

S.No.	Component	Village panchayat	Block Panchayat
1	One-time Capital Grant	Rs.1 lakh	Rs.5 lakh
	(75:25 basis between centre and state governments; 90:10 basis in the case of special category States / North Eastern States		

100% central grant

2	Annual Acquisition Grant	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.20,000/-
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3	Annual Operational Grant	Rs.12,000/-	Rs.24,000/-
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4	Annual Competition Grant		
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- a Block Level Competition Rs.50,000/-
- b District Level Competition Rs. 3 lakh
- c State Level Competition Rs.10 lakh for State
Rs.5 lakh for Union Territory
- d National Level Competition Rs.70 lakh (Rs. 3.5 lakh per disciplines for 20 disciplines) to host state
5. Prize money for winners in the block and district level competitions
- (a) Block level competition Rs.25,000/-, Rs.15,000/- and Rs.5,000/- prize money for village panchayats securing first three positions;
- (b) District level Competition Rs.50,000/-, Rs.30,000/- and Rs.10,000/- for block Panchayat securing first three positions
6. North East Sports As per admissible grant.
festival/games

(c): During 2008-09, financial assistance amounting to Rs.250.77 crore was sanctioned to 24 states for the creation of sports infrastructure in 22,854 village and 601 block Panchayats. The details of fund allocated and fund released during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are given below:

(Rs. In crore)

Year	Fund Allocation	Fund Released
2008-09	92.00	92.00
2009-10 (10.7.09)	160.00	19.02

(d): Under this scheme, annual competitions are organized in various sports disciplines throughout the country at block, district, state and national levels and prize money is given to top three position holders. Apart from broad basing sports, it is expected to expand the talent base for the promotion of excellence in sports in the long-run.

(e) & (f): NYKS is at present functioning through its Kendras at 501 districts. With a view to covering all the districts of the country, the Government proposes to extend the activities of Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKS) in the remaining 122 districts during the year 2009-2010. For the year 2009-10, an enrollment of about 32 lakh National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers has been sanctioned. To make the scheme of NSS more attractive, in addition to the existing regular activities and special camping programmes, two more new initiatives, viz. Summer Mega Camp for 400 NSS Volunteers and Adventure Camps for 2000 NSS volunteers have been introduced from the current year i.e. 2009-10. The policy is to expand and deepen these two schemes.