

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

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TRAINING OF RURAL YOUTH IN SPORTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to motivate and train the SC/ST/BC youth living in backward/rural/tribal areas to participate in national/international games and events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of the said plan; and
- (c) the details of funds provided and utilized for such training in the backward and rural areas as compared to urban areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No specific scheme has been formulated for promotion of sports among SC/ST/BC youth. However, under the special area games (SAG), which is operated through Sports Authority of India (SAI) in tribal, coastal and hilly areas, sports talent is identified and nurtured. Similarly, under the Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhyas, all sections of population, including Scheduled caste, scheduled tribe and other backward classes are duly covered. Under the said scheme, financial assistance is provided to State Governments/Union Territory Governments for the promotion of basic sports infrastructure and for holding sports competitions at block, district, state and national level. 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
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2008-09	92.00	92.00
2009-10	160.00	19.02
(10-07-09)		