

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

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AUSTRALIAN SPORTS OUTREACH PROGRAMME IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Australian Sports Outreach Programme has been launched in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (d) the extent to which such programme is likely to benefit the development of sports in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Australian Sports Outreach Programme (ASOP) is an initiative of the Australian Government to support non-governmental organizations (NGOs) engaged in sports for development activities. Under this initiative, ASOP is providing funding and technical support to some of the Indian NGOs to build their organizational capacity for delivery of high quality sports programme. An amount of AU\$ 5 million has been allotted for this project, which is upto June 30, 2014. The Government is not involved in the implementation of this project.