

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:397
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2010
RURAL SPORTS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rural Sports Programme was started in the country for broadbasing games and sports and to tap the hidden talents in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated and the expenditure incurred during each of the last three years and the current year under the said programme, sports discipline-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the progress of the said programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the said programme has been successful?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M.S.GILL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.397 FOR 07.12.2010 REGARDING RURAL SPORTS PROGRAMME ASKED BY SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL & SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for mass participation in sports, called 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan' (PYKKA) has been introduced from 2008-09, for development of playfields in all village and block panchayats of the country, in a phased manner, over a period of 10 years. The scheme is implemented through the State Governments/UTs administrations. The scheme also provides 100% central assistance to States/UTs for holding annual sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels.

Year-wise allocation of budget and its utilization for the last two years (2008-09 and 2009-10) and upto 30th November, 2010 of the current financial year is given below:

(Rs. in crore)					
Budget utilization					
Sl. No.	Year	Budget allocation	Infrastructure component	Competitions	Total
1.	2008-09	92.00	83.85	8.15	92.00
2.	2009-10	135.00	105.00	30.00	135.00
3.	2010-11#	413.00	151.76	84.85	236.61
Total		640.00	340.61	123.00	463.61

upto 30th November, 2010

The state-wise details of release of grants are given in Annexure - I, II and III.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) There is a General Council and an Executive Committee at the national level, and State Level Empowered Committee at the state level, which monitor the progress. As on 30th November, 2010, around 31,400 village panchayats and 1,000 block panchayats were approved under the scheme. The States/UTs reported upto June, 2010 that 15,000 playfields have been developed. Around 22 lakh rural youth, including around 9 lakh women, participated in the rural sports competition held in 2009-10 against a total of over 7 lakh in the previous year (2008-09). The PYKKA scheme has started gaining popularity in rural areas across the country.