

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

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated/released/expenditure incurred to promote various sports disciplines during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to give special emphasis to promote kabaddi, football, hockey, basketball, volleyball and other traditional sports and provide special sports training to the sportspersons; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of sports training centres set up/proposed to be set up for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) The details of funds released to various National Sports Federation for the last three years and current year is placed at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): The Government under its Scheme for financial Assistance to National Sports Federations provides financial assistance to national level sportspersons for training to prepare them for participation in international sports events, through National Sports Federations concerned and Sports Authority of India. Apart from this, the Government also provides financial assistance directly to elite sportspersons for specialized training under Indian and foreign coaches, participation in international tournaments in India and abroad, purchase of equipment and scientific support as part of their preparation for major international tournaments, under the Scheme Relating to Talent Search & Training and National Sports Development Fund. Keeping in view of the mass participation in the discipline of basketball, football, Hockey and Volleyball the Government upgraded these disciplines to Priority category so as to avail higher scale of assistance. The discipline of Kabaddi is already in Priority category. The other traditional sports such as Atya Patya, Malakhamb etc. are also provided assistance for holding the national championship.

The Sports Authority of India has a number of training centres and the effort is to consolidate the existing facilities.