

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

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

- (a) whether the Government/Sports Authority of India (SAI) has any proposal to convert their sports training centres into special games area and model sports centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of such centres identified, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to pay special focus on North-Eastern Region and Jammu and Kashmir;
- (d) if so, whether the Government also proposes to rope in private players and the industry as active partners for sports and skill development in the country to meet the fund requirement; and
- (e) if so, the details of plan chalked out by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) In the sports sector, the Government is already paying special focus on North Eastern Region. Apart from the funds being made available under the normal Plan scheme of this Ministry, additional funds are earmarked for the North Eastern Region for sports development.
- (d) & (e): the Government has already established the National Sports Development Fund(NSDF) for creating sports culture and achieving excellence in sports. The Fund accepts contribution from statutory bodies, international organizations, private and public corporate sectors, trusts, societies and individuals. 100 % tax exemption is available on such contributions.