

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

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SPORTS TRAINING TO STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has made special arrangement to provide sports training to the students of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other categories of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of students/sports players, out of above, who participated in national sports competitions during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of schemes implemented by the Government to encourage budding talents in the country alongwith the funds allocated/release expenditure incurred for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise; and
- (d) the number of sports persons imparted sports training through Sports Authority of India training centres during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) All schemes of the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India are inclusive, with no reservation for any particular category. However, for the upliftment of sports in tribal, rural, costal and backward areas, Sports Authority of India (SAI), under its Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme, has set up its centres to train potentially gifted sportspersons in these areas in modern sports disciplines.

(b) Such caste wise statistics is not maintained at present.

(c) SAI implements five main schemes viz. (i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme (ii) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme (iii) SAI Training Centre (STC) Scheme (iv) Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme and (v) Centre of Excellence (COE) Scheme. Under the first two schemes, SAI provides specialized coaching in the tender age (8-14 years) to children who are gifted with sports talent under the concept of "Play & Study" in the same school. SAI also provides boarding charges, sports kit, competition exposure, insurance etc. to them.

In addition to the above, there are 58 SAI Training Centres (STC), 21 Special Area Games (SAG) and 12 Centres of Excellence (COE). In these centres both residential and non-residential trainees are given scientific training in sports. The scheme-wise funds allocation and expenditure details for the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I. Funds allocation is not State-wise.

(d) The number of sports persons imparted sports training through Sports Authority of India training centres during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise is at Annexure-II and Annexure-III.