

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

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

- (a) whether the Sports Authority of India (SAI) draw, athletes from various National Sports Federations for the purpose of training;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the (SAI) has set up adequate infrastructure facilities to promote sports and provide proper coaching facility to sportspersons in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of coaching facility, present activities/achievements and long term schemes being implemented by the SAI so far?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The core probables for different sports disciplines finalized by the National Sports Federations concerned are normally trained in SAI Centres.

(c)& (d): SAI has infrastructure facilities to provide coaching to the sportspersons. It has 58 SAI Training Centres (STC), 21 Special Area Games (SAG) and 12 Centres of Excellence (COE), which are mainly located in the Regional Centres. These centres are equipped with synthetic surfaces, outdoor facilities, multipurpose halls, fitness centres, hostels, sports medicine facilities and modern equipment.

(e)Coaching

SAI has 1212 regular coaches and 151 contract coaches. Their discipline-wise deployment is at Annexure-I.

Schemes

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, the 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.

The STC and SAG schemes cater to talent in the age group of 14-21 whereas in COE, the upper age limit is 25 years.

Achievements

As a result of the intensive and scientific mode of training imparted by SAI under different schemes, a total of 2,171 medals have been won in national events and 712 medals in International events by the SAI trainees in the last three years. India won a record of 101 medals in 2010 Commonwealth Games securing 2nd position and 64 medals in 2010 Asian Games securing 6th position in the overall ranking.