

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:84  
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2011  
PROMOTING TRADITIONAL GAMES  
Singh Baba Shri K.C.

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/implemented any programme/scheme to preserve and promote traditional sports/games in the country including rural, backward and hilly areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated/spent during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and programme/scheme-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to encourage the participation of rural and economically weaker and backward youths in the games/sports organised in the country/abroad; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(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.84 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1.3.2011 REGARDING PROMOTING TRADITIONAL GAMES ASKED BY SHRI K.C. SINGH `BABA`

(a) & (b) The existing schemes of the Government of India and Sports Authority of India (SAI) lay special focus on the promotion of traditional and indigenous sports. Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the sports federations dealing with traditional/indigenous sports such as Archery, Atya Patya, Chess, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Hockey, Malkhamb, Polo, Tug of War and Wrestling have been given Government recognition, and are provided with financial assistance for the promotional and developmental activities in their respective disciplines.

The amount of financial assistance given for preparation of athletes and teams belonging to recognized sports disciplines including the aforesaid indigenous/traditional sports for their participation in national and international tournaments under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs and Scheme of preparation of teams for CWG 2010 during the last three years and current year is given in the table below:

(Rs. in crore)

| S. Year NO.                | Amount of financial assistance released |
|----------------------------|---|
| 1 2007-08                  | 53.37                                   |
| 2 2008-09                  | 109.50                                  |
| 3 2009-10                  | 279.96                                  |
| 4 2010-11 (upto 31.1.2011) | 89.40                                   |

SAI also operates specific schemes for the promotion and development of traditional/indigenous sports. Under the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme, SAI adopts schools in remote and rural areas, semi-urban areas, and provides comprehensive support to the young talent identified under the scheme, including training and competition exposure. With a view to promoting indigenous sports and martial arts in the schools in rural and semi-urban areas and scouting of talent in these games for nurturing in modern sports, SAI adopts schools run by educational institutions as part of existing NSTC scheme. At present, there are 27 schools adopted to promote indigenous games and martial arts, in which 333 trainees (251 boys and 82 girls) are being trained. Further, in order to create a broader base for modern wrestling and to supplement the efforts made by various akharas, SAI has adopted many akharas under NSTC Scheme. At present, 38 akharas have been adopted under NSTC Scheme, in which 476 trainees (453 boys and 23 girls) are being trained.

Under Special Area Games Scheme of SAI, natural talent for modern competitive sports is identified and nurtured from tribal, rural, coastal and hilly areas of the country. At present, there are 21 centres under SAG in which 1,866 trainees (1,116 boys and 750 girls) are being trained. Amount of funds deployed in SAG centres during last three years and current year are given in table below:

Rs. in lakh  
Year Funds released  
Rest of India North East Total

|         |        |        |         |
|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| 2007-08 | 350.00 | 670.00 | 1020.00 |
| 2008-09 | 400.00 | 620.00 | 1020.00 |
| 2009-10 | 420.00 | 600.00 | 1020.00 |
| 2010-11 | 591.00 | 650.00 | 1241.00 |

Talented sportspersons identified and trained under SAG and SAI Training Schemes, are given competition exposure both in national and international sports events.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The Ministry has introduced a nation wide Centrally sponsored scheme titled Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) in 2008-09 with the objective of broad basing of sports in the country by creating basic sports facilities in all village panchayats and block panchayats of the country in phased manner over a period of 10 years, and providing access to organized sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels. PYKKA Scheme is an inclusive Scheme and provides for participation of rural youth in sports competitions from all sections of Society including youth from economically weaker and backward categories.

Following types of sports competitions are organized under PYKKA Scheme:

- (i) Rural sports competitions at block, district, state and national level
- (ii) Inter-school competitions at district, state and national level
- (iii) North-East Games at district, state and national level
- (iv) Women championships at district, state and national level.

The number of participants in the national level sports competitions held under various categories of sports competitions under PYKKA Scheme during 2008-09 and 2009-10 is given in the table below:

| Name of Sports competition | Year 2008-09 |             |             | Year 2009-10 |             |             |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | Boys         | Girls       | Total       | Boys         | Girls       | Total       |
| Rural sports Competitions  | 2134         | 1167        | 3301        | 2223         | 1958        | 4181        |
| Inter-school competitions  | 783          | 651         | 1434        | 746          | 635         | 1381        |
| North-East Games           | 575          | 389         | 964         | 699          | 481         | 1180        |
| Women Sports Championship  | -            | 2358        | 2358        | -            | 2353        | 2353        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>3492</b>  | <b>4565</b> | <b>8057</b> | <b>3668</b>  | <b>5427</b> | <b>9094</b> |

Total grants released for conduct of sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels and total number of participants during last three years are given in the table below:

| S.No. | Year    | Number of States grants availed (Rs. in crore) | Total grant released |           | Total no. of participants |           |
|-------|---------|--|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
|       |         |  | Men                  | Women     | Men                       | Women     |
| 1     | 2008-09 | 08 9.10  | 4,72,329             | 2,49,190  | 7,21,519                  |           |
| 2     | 2009-10 |  | 18 25.51             | 13,75,102 | 8,73,842                  | 22,48,944 |
| 3     | 2010-11 |  | 27 88.05             | -         | -                         | 40,00,000 |
|       |         | (upto 31.1.11)                                 | (Estimated)          |           |                           |           |