

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:271
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2011
PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN SCHOOLS COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for promotion of sports and games in schools and colleges;
- (b) if so, the details of the activities undertaken there under along with the number of sporting events organised in schools and colleges during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government also provides assistance for setting up of sports infrastructure in schools and colleges under the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the funds allocated for organising the sporting events in schools and colleges and creation of sports infrastructure therein during the said period ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (AJAYMAKEN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.271 FOR 15.03.2011 REGARDING PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN SCHOOLS/COLLEGES ASKED BY SHRI K.P DHANAPALAN, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

(a)&(b) Under the flagship scheme of the Ministry entitled 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan'(PYKKA), from the current year, financial assistance is provided to States/Union Territories for holding inter-school competitions at district, state and national levels. The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) has been assigned the responsibility of conducting the inter school competitions during 2010-11 at district and state levels in the entire country.

In addition to the above, the Sports Authority of India, an autonomous body under the Ministry also runs the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme for scientific scouting of gifted school children in the age group of 8-14 years and grooming them into future medal hopes in various competitions at National/ International levels. Under this scheme, regular schools having good sports infrastructure are adopted and sports coaching is imparted through qualified coaches. The trainees get financial assistance for boarding and lodging (for 300 days in a year) as well as for purchase of consumable sports equipment, Sports Kit, Competition Exposure & Insurance etc. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) schools as well as schools having Tradition of Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA) are also adopted under the existing NSTC Scheme.

For promotion of sports at the School level, Government has recognized School Games Federation of India (SGFI), which conducts various National level championships. Government has provided financial assistance for sending teams abroad to participate in the competitions. Government has recently recognized the Central Board of Secondary Education as a National Sports Promotion organization.

For promotion of sports at University level, Government has recognized Association of Indian Universities and provided financial assistance of Rs. 150 lakh and Rs. 381 lakh during the years 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively for holding inter-university sports competitions etc.

(c)&(d) The centrally sponsored sports infrastructure development schemes implemented in the Ministry during the Xth Five Year Plan period were discontinued from the year 2005. At present there is no separate scheme being implemented by the Ministry for creation of sports infrastructure in the schools and colleges. However, over-riding priority is given to the schools/colleges while selecting the site for development of playfields under PYKKA scheme. Over 90 percent of the playfields being developed under PYKKA Scheme are located in the schools/colleges. In addition, the physical education teachers working in such schools/colleges are designated as Kridashrees and assigned the responsibility of maintenance of playfields and running of the sports activities.

(e) State wise details of funds allocated and released for creation of sports infrastructure and holding sports competitions so far (upto 28-02-2011) is given at Annexures – I, II, III, & IV.

