

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

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FUNDS FOR PROMOTION OF SPORTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the acute shortage of sports infrastructure and poor standard of other sports facilities in the country, including in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated for creation of sports infrastructure and promotion /development of sports in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any new policy for the sportspersons to compete successfully in different international sports competitions;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made so far ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)& (b) To address the severe inadequacy of sports infrastructure facilities particularly in the rural areas of the country, the Government of India has introduced a nation-wide rural sports programme called 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan' (PYKKA) in the year 2008-09. This scheme aims at creation of basic sports infrastructure in all the village/block panchayats (and its equivalent units) in the country, in a phased manner, over a period of 10 years, at an annual coverage of 10% for normal States, and 20% for Border States and special category, including North Eastern States. The scheme is implemented through the State Governments/ Union Territories Administrations. The scheme also provides 100% central assistance to States /Union Territories for holding Annual Rural Sports Competitions at block, district, state and national levels. Separate funding is also made for conducting National Women Championship, Inter-School Competitions and North East Games.

(c) State-wise allocation and release of funds during the last two financial years and the current financial year i.e.2010-11(upto 28th February,2011) are given in Annexure I-IV.

(d)&(e) Government provides financial assistance for the participation of national athletes/teams, representing India in international sports competitions. The assistance covers air passage cost, cost of boarding, and lodging, out of pocket allowance, ceremonial dress, sports kit, entry fees etc. as may be applicable.

Government provides full assistance for intensive coaching of the national teams through national coaching camps organized by the Sports Authority of India. The Government also provides financial assistance to meritorious players under the Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training and National Sports Development Fund for personalized training/coaching under national/international coaches, participation in international tournaments held in India and abroad and purchase of equipment.

Apart from this, the Government runs the following schemes through Sports Authority of India to identify potentially gifted sportspersons in the country at sub-junior(8-14 years), junior (14-18 years) and senior levels and gives them scientific training in the respective disciplines through qualified coaches:

1. National Sports Talent Contest Scheme(NSTC)
2. Army Boys Sports Company(ABSC) Scheme
3. SAI Training Centre(STC) Scheme
4. Special Area Games(SAG) Scheme
5. Centre of Excellence(COE)

Free board & lodging facilities, sports kit, sports equipment, competition exposure are also provided,Non -residential trainees are

given monthly stipend in place of board & lodging. In the Centre of Excellence, the trainees are provided with the state of art facilities, equipment, and scientific back up along with specialized training. Around 15,000 trainees benefit under the SAI Schemes.

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.