

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

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PROMOTING SPOTS TALENTS

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up sports academies for traditional games and other sports for the men and women sports persons between the age of 9 to 14 years of age to groom the hidden sports talents by providing training to the selected children from rural, tribal and hilly areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such proposal is likely to be cleared, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the name of the schemes implemented by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for nurturing of sports talents in the country scheme-wise;

(d) the funds released/expenditure incurred for the implementation of such scheme, sports discipline-wise; and

(e) the details of achievement made in National and International Sports competitions during each of the last three year and the current year sports discipline wise, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Sports Authority of India (SAI) is already implementing the following schemes, which aim at nurturing of talent in modern competitive sports including traditional sports and games:

- 1) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme
- 2) Army Boys sports Companies (ABSC) Scheme
- 3) SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme
- 4) Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme
- 5) Centre of Excellence Scheme

Through the above Schemes, SAI identifies potentially gifted sportspersons in the country of sub-junior (8-14 years of above), junior (14-18) and senior levels and gives them scientific support in the respective discipline through identified coaches. The Schemes cover rural, tribal and remote areas as well.

Under the Scheme of Special Area games (SAG), natural talent for modern competitive games and sports is scouted from tribal, rural, coastal and hilly areas of the country and also from regions having genetic/geographic advantage and nurtured scientifically for achieving excellence in modern competitive games and sports. The trainees under this scheme are adopted in the age group of 14-21 years.

(d) The details of expenditure incurred on implementation of above-mentioned schemes of SAI is given in Annexure-I.

(e) The details of achievements of SAI trainees at national and international level sports discipline-wise during the last four years from 2007-08 to 2010-11 are given in the Annexure-II.