

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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LACK OF MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SPORTS

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

- (a) whether the Indian sports persons are unable to achieve success in international events due to lack of modern sports infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide infrastructure facilities of international standard; and
- (d) the funds likely to be spent thereon, State-wise ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government provides financial assistance to Sports Authority of India (SAI) to set up State- of-the-art sports training facilities for the training of national athletes and also for training promising sportspersons. Such infrastructure facilities include laying of International Standard Synthetic Hockey surfaces, international synthetic athletics tracks, construction of sports hostels, Modern Fitness Centres, Sports Science Centres, Multi Discipline Indoor halls, Swimming Pools and other playing fields etc.

(d) On an average, SAI spends around Rs.30.00 crores annually for infrastructure development at various SAI centres. However, in connection with the preparation of trainees and of competition venues for the forthcoming Common Wealth Games(CWG) -2010 Government has allocated Rs.2460 crores to SAI, which will help in the creation of State-of-the-art facilities. Like-wise, modern sports facilities have also been provided in SAI Regional Centres located at Kolkata, Bangalore, Gandhinagar, Imphal, Sonapat, Bhopal and in Sub Centres located at Guwahati, Lucknow, Hazaribagh. With the discontinuance of erstwhile centrally sponsored sports infrastructure scheme w.e.f. 31.3.2005, there is no scheme for central funding of modern sports Infrastructure in the States.