

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

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SCHEME FOR TALENT SEARCH
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented Talent Search and Training Scheme and other related schemes in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) whether the Government provides advanced training to the talented youth;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise and State-wise;
- (e) whether the union Government proposes to provide additional economic assistance to various States of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Gujarat?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Government implements the Talent Search & Training Scheme and other Schemes in the entire country. Under the Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training and National Sports Development Fund, the Government provides financial assistance to meritorious players for personalized training/coaching under national/international coaches, participation in international tournaments held in India and abroad & purchase of equipment.

Further, the Sports Authority of India runs the following schemes to identify potentially gifted sportspersons across the country, including Gujarat, at Sub-Junior (8-14 years), Junior (14-18 years) and Senior levels and impart 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 Centres (STC) Scheme
4. Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme
5. Centre of Excellence (CDE) Scheme

These schemes cover rural, tribal and remote areas as well. 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 Sports Authority of India Schemes.

(e) No, Madam.

(f) Does not arise.