

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

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

- (a) whether various sports are lagging behind in the country due to non-availability of sports equipment with the sportspersons and sports bodies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether sports equipment are purchased from abroad by various sports bodies and individual sportspersons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, sports discipline-wise; and
- (e) the names of the countries and the agencies from which such sports equipment were purchased alongwith the duty incurred thereon during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) No, madam.

(b) Performance of Indian Sportspersons in various sports disciplines have improved in the recent past owing to International standard infrastructure, equipment and other allied facilities being provided to the promising sportspersons through various schemes of the Government.

(c) to (e) The National Teams for different disciplines are being prepared by Sports Authority of India (SAI), in consultation with the concerned National Sports Federations. The National Campers are provided requisite Sports equipment/ Sports Science equipment, both indigenous and imported, in order to help athletes to excel in their performance at the international level. Similarly, the trainees under the following Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI are also being provided the requisite Sports equipment.

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

The discipline wise details of the Sports equipment and the Sports Science equipment purchased by SAI during the last three years, alongwith the names of countries and agencies from which such Sports equipment/ Sports Science equipment were purchased are indicated in Annexure. No sports equipment were purchased by SAI from abroad during the financial years 2011-12 & 2012-2013 (upto April, 2012).

The Sports equipment are exempted from payment of customs duty in terms of orders issued from time to time by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue. As such no duty was paid by SAI on such imports.