

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

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PROMOTING SPORTS IN NE STATES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed any programme to identify the promising and upcoming sportspersons in the country including tribal, rural, hilly and remote areas in the North Eastern (NE) States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has allocated/released funds for promotion of sports in these areas during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the details of sportspersons identified/selected from NE States for participating in international sports competitions during the said period, State-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has set up sports training centres and other facilities in the NE States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): For identification and nurturing of identified talented sportspersons in the country including those from tribal, rural, hilly and remote areas in the North Eastern States, Sports Authority of India (SAI) implements various Sports Promotion schemes i.e., National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme, Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC) Scheme, SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme, Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme and Centres of Excellence (COE) Scheme. Of the above schemes, Special Area Games Scheme is about scouting natural talent for modern competitive games and sports from tribal, rural, coastal and hilly areas of the country and also from regions having genetic/geographic advantage and nurture them scientifically for achieving excellence. The trainees are adopted in the age group of 14-21 years.

The trainees admitted under the various SAI Sports Promotion Schemes are provided Boarding, lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, medical and educational expenses, insurance etc.

Details of SAI Centres in North Eastern States are given in Annexure-I.

(c): Details of funds allocated and actual expenditure incurred scheme-wise in North Eastern States are given in Annexure-II.

(d) Details of trainees from SAI Centres in North Eastern States who participated in the international competitions during last three years are given in Annexure-III.

(e) & (f): Sports Authority of India has established one Regional Centre at Imphal and one Sub Centre at Guwahati to develop the sports in the North Eastern States. Besides these Regional Centres, various other sports training centres have also been established in North Eastern States, details of which are given in Annexure-I.