

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

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LACK OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE COACHES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is lack of coaches and infrastructure facilities for athletes and other sportsmen and most of them are sent abroad for coaching resulting in heavy expenditure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of foreign coaches and sports facilities of international standards available in the country; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to provide coaches and sports facilities of international standards in the country for each game in order to save crores of rupees on utilisation of foreign assistance?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There are good number of coaches and International standard infrastructure facilities available within the country. Majority of sportspersons are being trained within the country. However, a few sportspersons who are assessed to require further advanced and specialized training as well as competitive exposures are sent abroad.

Presently, 21 Foreign coaches are working with the Indian teams. Details are provided at Annexure.

International standard sports facilities are available in many SAI Regional Centres where most of the elite sportspersons are being trained for International competitions. In addition to SAI training centres, International standard training facilities are available in the States also which have organized National Games in the recent past.

To meet the requirement of coaches, SAI has engaged 135 Coaches on contract basis and is also in process to appoint 200 coaches in various sports discipline for which an advertisement for inviting applications from the eligible candidates has already been uploaded on the SAI web site.