

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

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FACILITIES FOR SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of schemes implemented by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for promoting sports in the country;
- (b) whether athletes and trainees are divided into groups and are eligible for stipends and allowances;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that various stadia in the country including Rajiv Gandhi Stadium are unhygienic, lacks basic facilities, equipment are outdated and residential rooms are cramped and without ventilation; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government/SAI to improve the basic facilities for the benefit of sportspersons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) Sports Authority of India (SAI) implements various Sports Promotion schemes i.e., National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC), SAI Training Centres (STC), Special Area Games (SAG) Centres of Excellence (COE) and Come & Play to nurture sports talents to achieve excellence at National and International level.
- (b) Yes, Madam. However, the athletes and trainees under the Come & Play scheme are not entitled for stipend and allowances.
- (c) The details of Financial entitlements admissible to SAI Scheme trainees except Come & Play Scheme are provided in the Annexure.
- (d) & (e): The SAI Stadia in Delhi were renovated / upgraded for preparation of Commonwealth Games 2010 and equipped with International facilities and well maintained. The Hostel Building constructed during Commonwealth Games are operational for the use of National Campers and these stadia and hostels are presently under maintenance of National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) and Central Public Works Department (CPWD). All the five stadia i.e Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex, Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Swimming Pool Complex, are under hygienic conditions.

The Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, belongs to Delhi Government. Presently the SAI trainees of STC Bawana have been housed there. The STC Centre was shifted from I.G. Stadium to Bawana in the year 2008 in view of the up gradation of the I.G. Stadium for the Commonwealth Games 2010. SAI had approached Delhi Government to transfer the existing facilities at Bawana (Rajiv Gandhi Stadium) on long term basis to enable it to renovate/repair the existing infrastructure which is in a dilapidated condition. However, the Government of Delhi has not consented so far. Considering the condition of hostel facilities, no new residential trainees are being inducted at the Centre.

In order to provide better Boarding/Lodging and playing facilities, SAI is currently carrying out a consolidation exercise by reviewing its sports promotional schemes. The objective is to ensure that best facilities, including equipment, are available at Centers run by SAI within the resources available. Direct control over facilities will facilitate better management and maintenance as well as accountability.