

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

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PROMOTING SPORTS TALENTS

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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of schemes implemented by the Government to hone the hidden sports talents in tribal, rural and hilly boys and girls between the age group of 9 to 14 and 14 to 19 years by imparting sport training to them;
- (b) whether the Government does not maintain data on the number of sportspersons belonging to tribal community who participated in various national/international sports competitions;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Sports Authority of India (SAI) provides the services of trained coaches of the National Institute of Sports (NIS) for imparting sports training in different fields; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to provide the said services of NIS?

**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. The Special Area Games Schemes being implemented by SAI is specially oriented towards scouting and nurturing sports talent in rural, hilly, tribal and coastal areas of the Country.
- (b) & (c): Such data is not maintained at Central level. No distinction is made among participants of various national/international sports competitions and all Schemes of the Department of Sports are inclusive in nature.
- (d) & (e): Trained Coaches of National Institute of Sports (NIS) were being posted/provided at the State / District Coaching Centre of various States on demand by Sports Authority of India (SAI). Since SAI is facing acute shortage of Coaches in different Sports disciplines for its various Sports Promotional Schemes, a policy decision was taken to post coaches for SAI's own Schemes only. To tackle the shortage of coaches, SAI has initiated the process of recruitment of 200 coaches.