

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3419
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SCARCITY OF WOMEN COACHES
Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvarya Swamy

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

- (a) the number of sports hostels under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) meant for women, State-wise including Karnataka;
- (b) whether the scarcity of women coaches, lack of sports grounds and sponsors for sports women are acting as a hindrance in promoting sports among women;
- (c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding sexual harassment of women sports persons in various sports bodies; and
- (e) if so, the mechanism evolved to deal with the cases of sexual harassment of sports persons along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Sports Authority of India (SAI) is operating 47 training centres with hostels for girls across the country. Details are given at Annexure .
- (b) Yes, Madam. These are among the factors acting as a hindrance in promoting sports among women.
- (c) Modern sports facilities including sports grounds are provided under SAI's training centres for sports women. There are 168 regular women coaches and 32 contract women coaches to impart scientific coaching to sports women in SAI.
- (d) Yes, madam.
- (e) A Standing complaint committee has been set up at each Regional/Sub-Centre besides the head- quarters of SAI to address the complaints of sexual harassment of women trainees in SAI.