

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:467
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IDENTIFICATION OF TALENTS IN SPORTS
Choudhary Shri Harish

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to identify potential talents in various sports disciplines at senior level through competent coaches of the Sports Authority of India training centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of talented players identified through this scheme during the last three years, State/sport-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage such players?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.467 FOR 29.04.2013 REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF TALENTS IN SPORTS ASKED BY SHRI HARISH CHAUDHARY, MP.

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) The Government through the Sports Authority of India, has been operating "Centre of Excellence Scheme" since 1997 to nurture talented players in the senior category, besides Sub-Junior and Junior categories. Sportspersons with promising performances in the Senior National Competitions are admitted under the COE Scheme for further scientific training at the Regional Centres of SAI for 330 days in a year. They are provided with the state of art facilities, equipment and scientific back-up alongwith specialized training. These COEs operate as regular coaching camps for the best available talent in India and provide concurrent layers of skilled sportspersons, giving a wider choice of talent and continuity for selection to National Teams. Disciplines covered under COE are Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Cycling, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Karate, Kayaking & Canoeing, Rowing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling & Wushu. At present there are 10 COEs operational in the country.

(c) State-wise and discipline-wise details of the talented players identified through COE scheme during the last three years are given at Annexure.

(d) The trainees are provided boarding and lodging facilities, sports kit, sports equipment,international standard playing facilities, competition exposure at both national and international level, insurance cover, medical expenses etc. as per norms and also scientific and systematic training under senior Indian and foreign coaches.