

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

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BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR PROMOTION OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special facilities are being provided to sports persons in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the budget allocation for promotion of sports in rural areas of the country during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Central Government has been running a scheme called 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) scheme, to promote sports in the rural areas of the country. The scheme was introduced in 2008-09, it aims to development of playfields in all the village and block panchayats across the country in a phased manner of ten years and conduct of annual sports competitions from block level to the national level for providing ample opportunity of participation to rural youth.

(c) The fund released to the States/UT's under PYKKA Scheme for promotion of sports in rural areas during last three years are at Annexure.