

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the problem that only a small number of persons are taking benefits of sports facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to extend facilities to more and more people along with the details and salient features of the Panchayat Youth Sports Campaign Scheme?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, there is no such scheme like Panchayat Youth Sports Campaign Scheme. However, the Central Government has been running a scheme called Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), 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 10 years and conduct of annual sports competitions from block to the national level for providing ample opportunity of participation to rural youth. Till 31st March, 2013 total 60421 village panchayats and 1852 block panchayats have been approved under the PYKKA scheme and 1,38,47,158 approx. men and women have participated in the annual rural competition.