

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

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SHORTAGE OF SPORTS INSTRUCTORS COACHES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a dearth of sports instructors/coaches in Sports Authority of India (SAI) and sports stadia set up in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the SAI has any proposal to recruit and hire a large number of coaches and supporting staff; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the vacancies are likely to be filled up?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The shortage of coaches in various disciplines has arisen mainly due to fact that there was no recruitment of coaches in Sports Authority of India (SAI) since 1993.

(c) In order to cope with the shortage, coaches have been engaged on contract basis and as on date, 135 such coaches in different disciplines are working in SAI.

(d) & (e): In order to address the shortage of coaches in SAI, recruitment of regular coaches in phased manner has been planned and accordingly, initially, process for appointment of 200 coaches as per details provided at Annexure, in the disciplines of Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Fencing, Hockey, Gymnastics, Judo, Kayaking & Canoeing, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming & Diving, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Wushu has already been initiated. The coaches are being recruited keeping in view the requirement projected by various units of SAI. In response to advertisement for recruitment of coaches, 1697 applications have been received. The same have been scrutinized and have been sent to the identified Government Agency for selection through competitive examination / field test and interview.

There are two category of candidates i.e category 3(a) who are NIS diploma holders and category 3(b) who have participated in Asian Games / World Championship & have done Certificate Course. The written exam for category 3(b) candidates was held on 19.5.2013 and the written exam for category 3(a) candidates was held on 30.6.2013. Further, Olympians in the aforesaid disciplines who have applied & found eligible for the post of coach in SAI have been selected through interview and accordingly, 27 Olympians have been sent the offer of appointment. The whole process of selection should be completed by September, 2013.