

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

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SETTING UP OF SPORTS ACADEMIES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish more sports academies in the State of Tamil Nadu for improving the sports activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government provides any financial assistance to the State Government of Tamil Nadu or sports federations to promote sports activities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No, Madam. Since 'Sports' is in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, primary responsibility for development and promotion of sports including establishment of sports academies is that of State Governments. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports supplements the efforts of the State Governments under the scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) and Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS). Under the scheme of PYKKA, the Ministry provides assistance to the State Governments including that of Tamil Nadu for creation/development of basic playfields in villages, panchayats and block panchayats and providing access to rural youth to organized sports competitions at block, district, state and national level. Under USIS, financial assistance is provided to states for creation/development of sports infrastructure such as synthetic turfs of athletics/hockey /football and multipurpose halls etc in rural areas. Under USIS scheme, State Governments, local civic bodies, schools, colleges, Universities & Sports Control Boards are eligible for financial assistance.

Financial Assistance is provided to National Sports Federations (NSFs) under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs for conduct of national championship, conduct of international tournaments in India, organizing coaching camps, participation of Indian sportspersons and teams in international sports events abroad, procurement of sports equipment, engagement of foreign coaches etc.