

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

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SETTING UP OF CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up Centres of Excellence for sports in the country to nurture the talent of sports persons and to make India a front-ranked sporting country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these centres are likely to be established in the country including Maharashtra;
- (c) the estimated budget required for such centres along with the amount allocated/ sanctioned till date, centre-wise, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to introduce a scholarship scheme to impart training to sports persons from foreign countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons to be selected for foreign exposure?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): SAI has already established 10 Centres of Excellence at its Regional Centres / Sub-Centres / Institutions at Thiruvananthapuram, Bangalore, Kolkata, Imphal, Patiala, Gandhinagar, Sonipat, Hisar, Bhopal and Kandivali.

In Maharashtra the proposal for establishment of a Centre of Excellence at Aurangabad is in the pipeline

During 2013-13 a budget amounting to Rs.180.00 lakhs was allocated (Rs.40.00 lakh for North East and Rs.140.00 lakh for rest of India) for running of the COE Scheme.

For the year 2013-14, Rs.233.00 lakhs (Rs.33.00 lakh for North East and Rs.200.00 lakh for the rest of India) has been allocated for running of the COE Scheme.

Setting up of additional Centres of Excellence as part of the Ministry's plan to make India a front-ranking sports nation is at the conceptual stage. As such, specific details like timelines and budget etc. cannot be given at this stage.

(d) & (e): At present, no scheme is under consideration for giving scholarship to sports -persons to impart training to them in foreign countries. Training is imparted to select sportspersons in foreign countries through various existing schemes of the Ministry.