

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:365

ANSWERED ON:15.12.2009

ENCOURAGING YOUTH TOWARDS SPORTS

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

- (a) the details of the plans/schemes launched for identifying, developing and promoting sporting skills among the youth including in rural areas;
- (b) the funds allocated for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, plan/scheme -wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the National Youth Policy/Sports Policy in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M.S.GILL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.365 FOR 15.12.2009 REGARDING ENCOURAGING YOUTH TOWARDS SPORTS ASKED BY SHRI S.ALAGIRI & SHRI HANSRAJ G.AHIR HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

(a) Yes, Madam. Government of India introduced a centrally sponsored scheme entitled "Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA)" in 2008-09 which aims at promoting sporting skill among rural Youth. The Scheme provides support for creation of basic sports infrastructure at village and block panchayat and conduct of annual rural sports competition at block , district, state and national level. Apart from this, Sports Authority of India (SAI) operates a variety of schemes catering to different age group for spotting and nurturing sporting talent amongst children and youth throughout the country including rural areas.

(b) Funds allocated under PYKKA and SAI schemes during the last three years are as under:

Rs. In crore

S.No	Name of Scheme	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1.	Panchayati Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan(PYKKA)	92.00	160.00	
2.	#Sports Promotion Schemes of SAI	191.00	203.00	202.00

(c)and (d) The National Youth Policy 2003 which is currently followed, recognizes all-around development of Youth & sports is as one of the important tool to achieve its objectives .The current Sports Policy-2001 is found adequate to promote sports in the country.

S.No	Name of SAI Scheme (years)	Age Group
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1	National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)	8-14
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2 Army Boys Sports Company 8-16
Scheme (ABSC)

3 SAI Training Centres (STC) 14-21

4 Special area Games Scheme 14-21
(SAG)

5 Extension of Centre of STC/ 14-21
SAG Centres to cover Schools
/Colleges for Wider Coverage

6 Centre of Excellence Scheme 17-25
(COE)