

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

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SPORTS COACHING FACILITY TO TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of sports coaching facilities provided to the tribal students in the country, State-wise including tribal areas;
- (b) the funds allocated / released for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including tribal areas;and
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to modernize / improve such facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) Sports is a State subject and promotion of sports is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following schemes for promotion and development of sports in the country in the age group of 8 to 25 years (Sub Junior, Junior and Senior level):-

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
3. SAI Training Centre (STC)
4. Special Area Games (SAG)
5. Centre of Excellence (COE)

The sportspersons under these Schemes in the relevant age groups are inducted from all over the country including Rural, Urban, Tribal & Coastal areas. The trainees are provided by SAI expert coaching and scientific training, nutritious diet, competition exposure, requisite sports infrastructure/ equipments to enable them to excel at National and International levels.

(b) The funds are allocated / released to the Regional Centres /Sub Centres which in turn release them to the training centres under their jurisdiction. The training centres also have trainees from far flung areas of the country including Tribal, Rural, Coastal, Urban areas. The details of funds allocated at the Regional Centre /Sub- Centres during last three years and the current year is at Annexure.

(c) Under SAI Sports Promotional Schemes, the training facilities are improved from time to time by providing to selected children through latest sports equipment, competition exposure, nutritious diet and infrastructure for playing. The Regional Centres / Sub Centres/ Academic Institutions are also being upgraded in connection with the training facilities being provided to the probables of the Commonwealth Games 2010.

Steps are also being made by SAI to provide scientific coaching to the children with modern sports equipment and infrastructure. This apart, modern infrastructure is also being created /upgraded at the Regional Centres / Sub Centres / Academic Institutions which are venues of the National Coaching Camps for the Commonwealth Games 2010.