

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to identify talent from rural areas with the aim to clinch more medals in international events like Olympics;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of camp organized in rural areas during each of the last three years to identify talent from rural areas, State-wise;
- (c) the details of sports centres upgraded in rural areas with world class coaching facilities, State-wise;
- (d) the details of sports identified where more medals can be clinched in international events;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to establish sports academy where both academic as well as sports education/coaching is given to students to prepare international level players; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, location-wise, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Sir, the Government has conceived a plan with an aim to set up a District level Sports School (DLSS) in every District in the Country, in the next 10 years.

For each DLSS, 100 talented youngsters (50 boys & 50 girls) in the age group of 6-16 years are proposed to be identified through the competitions organized under the existing scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA). However, the plan is currently at the conceptual stage.

Details of competitions organized under PYKKA to identify talent from rural areas during the last three years are at Annexure- I.

(c): Sports is a State subject. The Central Government assists the State Governments in their efforts to promote sports. The Central Government has no Scheme to set up sports centres in rural areas with world- class teaching facilities. The Ministry does not maintain details of sports centres in rural areas, set up by the State Governments.

(d): Based on performance of the Indian athletes at various International events in the recent past and scope for improvement, following sport disciplines have been identified to concentrate upon:

1. Archery
2. Athletics
3. Badminton
4. Boxing
5. Hockey
6. Judo
7. Rowing
8. Shooting
9. Taekwondo
10. Weightlifting
11. Wrestling

(e) & (f): Under the DLSS, the talented youngsters are proposed to be provided education facilities as well.