

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

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SETTING UP OF SPORTS CENTRES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the sports centres set up so far in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more such centres in the country particularly in rural areas of Gautambudh Nagar and Bulandshahr of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

(a) The Central Government has been running a scheme called Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), to promote sports in the rural areas of the country. The scheme was introduced in 2008-09 and aims at development of playfields in all the village and block panchayats across the country in a phased manner of 10 years and conduct of annual sports competitions from block to the national level for providing ample opportunity of participation to rural youth. Till 31st March, 2013 total 60421 village panchayats and 1852 block panchayats have been approved under the PYKKA scheme. Details, implementation status and year-wise funds released to States under the PYKKA Scheme along with results yielded are placed at Annexures I (a) to (e) and details of infrastructure created thereunder are placed at Annexure II.

(b) and (c) The Government proposes to revise the PYKKA Scheme. Till then, further creation of infrastructure under the Scheme has been kept in abeyance. Therefore, much details could not be provided at this stage.