

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to lay synthetic surface at various sports venues in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such synthetic surfaces laid during each of the last three years and the current years, State-wise
- (c) the funds sanctioned/allotted/utilised for the purpose during the said period, State-wise; and
- (d) the names of the States which do not have any synthetic playing surface for any sports alongwith the steps being taken to provide such facilities to them ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Details of Synthetic Hockey Surfaces and Synthetic Athletic Tracks laid by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are attached at Annexure I & II, respectively. Laying of synthetic tracks and surfaces is an on going process and selection of locations is based on popularity of the game and availability of talent. There is no scheme in the Government or SAI to ensure 100% coverage of States in the laying of synthetic surfaces and tracks.