

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1634

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CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up Centres of Excellence under Identification and Nurturing Sports Talent scheme for sports in the country to nurture the talent of sports persons and to make India a front-ranked sporting country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these centres are likely to be established in the country including Gujarat and Rajasthan; and
- (c) the estimated budget required for such centres along with the amount allocated/sanctioned till date, centre-wise, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) It is proposed to develop a District Level Sports School (DLSS) in every district of the country so as to identify and nurture sporting talent in the country. It is also proposed that the best talent from amongst the students of the DLSS, who excel, will be given admission to Centres of Excellence (COX) of the Sports Authority of India (SAI). It is also proposed to open COXs in addition to the existing ones. However, the whole project is still at the conceptual stage. Hence, no details can be provided at this juncture.