

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:40  
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2014  
RURAL YOUTHS PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS  
Patil Shri A.T. (Nana)

**Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether several schemes including the Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) are under implementation, to encourage rural youths taking up indoor/outdoor games and participation in National/International events and if so, the details thereof.
- (b) the number of rural youths who have been trained in various indoor/outdoor games during each of the last three years and the current year, State wise; and
- (c) The details of achievements reported under these schemes?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 40 FOR 08/07/2014 ASKED BY SHRI A.T.NANA PATIL REGARDING RURAL YOUTHS PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS.

(a) to (c) There was only one scheme being implemented under the aegis of the Department of Sports, viz., the Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), specifically aimed at promoting sports in the rural areas of the country since 2008-09 and upto 2013-14. The PYKKA Scheme has, since, been revamped and revised and named Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA). Details of the RGKA Scheme is enclosed as Annexure I

The PYKKA envisaged utilization of services of Kridashrees (Honorary Sports Volunteer) to manage the sports facilities and also act as general trainer only. The Kridashrees were not equipped to impart specialized training to youth in any specific indoor/outdoor game and only facilitated the usage of the playfields. In the RGKA scheme, three Sports Trainers (out of serving Physical Education Teachers) to be engaged in each block level sports complex, will impart training in different outdoor and indoor disciplines.

The details of number of playfields approved, number of playfields developed and the number of persons participated in the annual competition under PYKKA scheme, from 2008-09 to 2013-14 is attached at Annexure II and III. During the current financial year, competitions are yet to be held under the RGKA.