

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

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

(a) the details of various schemes / programmes being implemented by the Government / Sports Authority of India (SAI) and grants released and utilized in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, Scheme and State / UT-wise including Karnataka; and

(b) the comprehensive measures being taken by the Government to improve the condition of sports and sports facilities in the country including launching of new / additional schemes / programmes in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) Government of India has been implementing a number of schemes for promoting sports in the country. These include Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan under which integrated sports complexes each costing Rs.1.76 crore, will be constructed in every rural block panchayat in the country and sports competitions will be conducted to identify talent. Under Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS), assistance from Rs.4.5 crores to Rs.6.00 crores is provided for laying synthetic athletic track and synthetic hockey field and construction of multipurpose hall. There are also schemes for promotion of sports among persons with disabilities, human resource development in sports, pension to meritorious sportspersons, national welfare fund for sportspersons, scheme of national sports awards and cash awards.

Sports Authority of India has been implementing various promotional schemes in which training by experienced coaches with scientific back-up is provided to sportspersons to achieve excellence at national/international level. The Schemes include National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC), Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC), SAI Training Centre (STC), Special Area Games (SAG), Centre of Excellence (COE) and Come and Play Scheme.

State-UT wise expenditure is not maintained in SAI. The total funds provided to SAI for implementation of various schemes / programmes during last three years and current year is as under:-

2011-2012	- Rs.235.90 crores
2012-2013	- Rs.245.00 crores
2013-2014	- Rs.276.00 crores
2014-2015 (upto June, 2014)	- Rs.2,71,70,000/-

(b) Government of India has been taking comprehensive measures to improve the condition of sports and sports facilities in the country. It has been implementing various schemes for the purpose. The details of which has been given in reply to Para (a). Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan and the Scheme of Human Resource Development in Sports have been launched recently.