

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1

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SPORTS COACHES FOR SPORTSPERSONS

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

- (a) whether the Government provides special sports facilities including training to Athletes/sportspersons in various parts of the country including rural areas by the Sports Authority of India (SAI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of academic programmes being conducted by SAI, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to provide special coaching/training for the sports players who have represented the international sporting events in the age group of 15 to 30 years to promote their respective sports activity;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide sports equipments for such international sport participants at the Gymkhana or Sport institute; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. There are 175 training centers of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in the country including rural areas. Apart from these, there are around 74 other centers / schools / akharas where Sports Authority of India provides coaches / equipment / other resources for training of sports persons.

SAI runs the following academic programmes at Patiala, Bangalore, Kolkata and Trivandrum:-

- i) One year Diploma in Sports Coaching.
- ii) Two years M.Sc in Sports Coaching.
- iii) Two years Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Medicine.
- iv) Periodic course:- Certificate Course and Skilled development Courses.

No academic program is being conducted by SAI in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(c) The Government is already providing special coaching / training for sports players who have represented India in recognized international sporting events in the age group of 12 to 25 years (disciplines recognized in Olympic, Asian and Commonwealth Games). The same is, inter-alia, provided at the 15 Centre of Excellence (COE) of SAI.

(d) & (e): Sports Authority of India provides sports equipments under its various sports promotional schemes and for National camps. Sports equipment is also provided to select Sports institutions under Scheme of National Sports Development Fund.