GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:101
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SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN SMART CITIES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is satisfied with the availability of sports infrastructure, state of the art facilities, playgrounds and recreation centres in various parts of the country, including rural area and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters to provide state of the art sports facilities, playgrounds and recreation centres in proposed smart cities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Urban Development in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Ministry of Urban Development thereon; and

(d) the funds earmarked for the purpose and the action taken/being taken by the Government to promote sports in the smart cities?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 101 FOR ANSWER ON 03.03.2015 REGARDING SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN SMART CITIES RAISED BY SHRI A.T.NANA PATIL, HON'BLE MP

(a) Sports infrastructure of international standards is available to a limited extent in the country. However, there is need for much more availability of such facilities as per demand in different States/Union Territories. Sports infrastructure of international standards is being augmented / upgraded on a continuing basis. Inadequacies in terms of high performance centres, modern equipment, sports science and sports medicine facilities etc. are also addressed on a regular basis.

As 'sports' is a state subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to create adequate sports infrastructure including state of the art sports facilities, playgrounds and recreation centres in the State including in rural areas.

However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports supplements the efforts of State Governments in the promotion and develop- ment of sports, including creation of sports infrastructure under the following Schemes:

i. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), a centrally sponsored scheme introduced in 2014-15 in place of erstwhile Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan, aims at construction of Integrated Sports Complexes for both indoor and outdoor disciplines in all block panchayats of the country in a phased manner and providing access to organized sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels.
ii. Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) : 100% financial assistance, subject to stipulated ceilings are provided to State Governments, Local Civic Bodies, School, Colleges and Universities under Central/State Governments, and Sports Control Boards for development of Synthetic playing surface (for Hockey, and Athletics) and for Multipurpose Indoor Hall.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India, an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Ministry has also got adequate sports infrastructure and other sports facilities at its various centres.

(b) & (c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has not received any suggestions from any quarter to provide state of the art sports facilities, playgrounds and recreation centres in Smart Cities proposed by the Ministry of Urban Development. However, this Ministry, suo moto, has taken up the issue of making provisions of adequate sports facilities, playgrounds, athletic tracks, fitness and recreation centres in the proposed Smart Cities while preparing blueprint for the Smart Cities.

(d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has not, at present, earmarked any funds for provision of sports facilities in the proposed smart cities. The scheme for developing Smart Cities is under formulation in consultation with the State Governments. The criteria will be known only after the Scheme designing is complete.