

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SPORTS COACHING INSTITUTES IN RURAL AREA

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up sports coaching institutes in various parts of the country including rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the location identified for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to consult with State Governments, people representatives, eminent sports persons to finalize the said proposals and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote sports among rural youth in the country;
- (e) if so, the details of schemes implemented for the purposes including sports infrastructure and funds allocated/released during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and schemewise; and
- (f) whether the Government also proposes to improve the sports talents of rural youth, sports persons and made provision of reservation for getting jobs and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Government of India proposes to set up National Sports Academies (NSA) for seniors and juniors at various places in the country to nurture sporting talent spotted through various avenues. However the scheme is in conceptual stage and hence it would not be possible to furnish further details at this juncture.

(d) & (e) In order to promote Sports among rural youth the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme involving Centre- State sharing of funds, namely, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) scheme, under which construction of a sports complex is to be undertaken in each block of the country, both for outdoor and indoor sports disciplines, on land measuring about six - seven acres at a cost of Rs. 80 lakh each (Total Rs. 1.60 crore). There is also provision of Rs. 15 lakh for sports equipment to be provided by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Annual Sports competitions viz., Rural Sports Competitions, Women Sports Competitions, North-East Games and Special Area Games (for LWE affected regions) are also held under RGKA upto the National level.

Further details of the RGKA is given at Annexure – I. State/UT wise details of funds released under PYKKA and RGKA during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure – II to IV.

(f) In order to improve the sports talent of the youth in the country including those in rural areas the Government has finalized a proposal known as National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) through which talented sports persons will be identified and nurtured so as to enable them to participate in National and International Sports events, win medals and bring laurels in the Country. The scheme envisages the following:

1. Identification of sporting talent among students in the age group of 8-12 years (for admission in Class IV to Class VI) who possess inborn qualities such as anthropometric, physical and physiological capabilities without any anatomical infirmities.
2. Nurturing of the Sporting Potential/talent in District level Sports schools / Central Sports Schools / National Sports Academies etc., to make them excel at the National and international sports competitions.

With regard to reservation of sports persons in jobs under the Central Government, the following provisions for reservation exist :

i) Ministries/Departments of Government of India can recruit meritorious sportsmen in any year in relaxation of the recruitment procedure, to the extent that these including all other reservations under existing orders do not exceed 50% of the total number of vacancies proposed to be filled by direct recruitment.

ii) For the purpose of making appointment of meritorious sportsmen, the appointing authorities may at their discretion notify to the Staff Selection Commission, in all cases where the recruitment to the posts have been entrusted to that Commission, vacancies reduced by upto 5% thereof and may fill such vacancies so held back by appointing meritorious sportsmen subject to the overall

limitations mentioned in sub-para (a) above.

Such reservation for making appointment of meritorious sportsmen are, however, subject to the fulfillment of eligibility criteria by the candidates and other relevant instructions issued by the Government.