

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

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DISCONTINUATION OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central assistance provided for construction of sports infrastructure by the Government has been discontinued and is likely to be started again or the States would be provided funds separately for the said purpose;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reason for the slow pace of the construction work of the central regional center of Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the time by which construction work of the centre is likely to be completed;
- (d) whether the service of National Institute for Sports (NIS) trained instructors earlier provided for the Central schemes as well as State schemes by SAI has been discontinued and is likely to be started again; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No Madam. Central assistance provided for construction of sports infrastructure by the Government has not been discontinued. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing the following schemes for creation of sports infrastructure in the country :

i. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) [formerly Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA): Funds are granted to the Governments of States/Union Territories for construction of a sports complex in each block of the country for both indoor and outdoor disciplines.

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.

(c) All the approved works have been completed. The reasons for the slow pace is on the part of construction agency i.e. CPWD.

(d) & (e) Yes Madam. The services of National Institute for Sports (NIS) trained SAI coaches were being provided to Central and States schemes. Due to shortage of coaches and to strengthen its own Sports Promotional Schemes, SAI coaches are no more being posted outside SAI schemes, including State Schemes. However some of the SAI coaches who are still posted in State schemes are being withdrawn as per SAI requirement from time to time.