

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

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IMPROVEMENT IN FUNCTIONING OF SAI

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to improve/upgrade the functioning of Sports Authority of India (SAI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of sports training/coaching centres of SAI set up/functioning in the country so far, sports discipline and location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to include Corporate and various Sports Promotion Boards for development of these centres and promotion of sports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which this scheme is likely to be beneficial for students and sports persons and the efforts being made by the Government to keep politics away from sports;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open new sports coaching/training centres of SAI in various parts of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified and amount allocated for the said purpose and the time by which these centres are likely to be opened and made functional, location-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Improving the functioning of Sports Authority of India (SAI) is an ongoing process.
- (b) Sports Authority of India is implementing following sports promotional schemes to groom and nurture the talented sports-persons of the country by providing expert coaching and scientific backup to enable them to excel at national and international level:-
  - 1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
    - Indigenous Games and Martial Arts
    - Akhara Scheme
  - 2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
  - 3. Special Area Games (SAG)
  - 4. SAI Training Centres (STC)
  - 5. Centre of Excellence (COE)
  - 6. Extension Centre of STC / SAG

Details of Training Centres, discipline and location-wise is provided at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Government is already engaged in involving the respective National Sports Federations and Corporate Sectors to support and supplement the efforts of SAI. Corporate support is sought for development / upgradation of infrastructure to world class infrastructure and to engage foreign technical experts & coaches and in developing the sports science infrastructure & expertise at various major centres of SAI. The corporate support can be either as a partner in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model or to provide funding for any specific discipline / Academy under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) / model. The Government investment in the sports sector in the form of budgetary support is not sufficient to sustain the current schemes at a high level. It leaves little scope for further expansion of sports promotion activities and development of support infrastructure by SAI. Therefore, the support of corporate sector is invaluable and indispensable in the current scenario.

This PPP model is being pursued in the establishment of new National Sports Academies by SAI.

(e) & (f): Due to resource constraint and other factors, SAI is not focusing on opening new centres. The current approach is to close down dysfunctional centres and focus on consolidation in remaining centres with required essential facilities