

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

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Closure of Shooting Sports Wing
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons behind the closure of shooting sports wing for girls in Badal village of Punjab run by Sports Authority of India (SAI);
- (b) the details of shooting sports wing for girls being run by SAI at present;
- (c) whether there is any plan to close any other sports shooting wing in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The Shooting discipline at SAI Centre at Badal has been discontinued to avoid duplication of efforts, as the State Government is also running a Shooting Academy at the same venue. On the request of SAI, Director (Sports), Government of Punjab has advised the District Sports Officer to admit shooting trainees who were earlier enrolled with SAI to the State Government's Shooting Academy at Badal.
- (b) There is no exclusive Shooting wing for girls being run by SAI at present. Training in Shooting discipline by SAI is imparted at a few Centres of SAI as per Annexure. In addition, training in Shooting discipline is also provided at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, Tughlakabad, New Delhi.
- (c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.
- (d) Does not arise.