

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

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Sports Academies in Universities  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up national sports academies in different schools/universities and colleges running in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Punjab; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to impart training to coaches in various disciplines of sports?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
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(a) and (b) The Government of India proposes to set up National Sports Academies (NSA) in the country to nurture sporting talent. However, the Scheme is in conceptual stage and no definite time frame can be indicated.

(c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes having components of imparting training to coaches :

- i. Human Resource Development Scheme (HRDS);
- ii. Scheme of Sports and Games for the Disabled.

The Ministry, under international cooperation/exchange programs in the field of Sports also provides opportunities to the Indian teams/experts for foreign exposure and for coaching/training abroad.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous body under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, conducts :

- i. Certificate Courses and Refresher Courses from time to time to enhance the knowledge of coaches;
- ii. Coaches are also sent abroad to update their knowledge and get specialized training in Sports.

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