

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

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Counsellors Hired by SAI
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sports Authority of India (SAI) is hiring counsellors to interact with all SAI trainees including female trainees for their psychological well-being;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose thereof;
- (c) whether SAI is planning to post lady warden for safety of girl trainees residing in various SAI hostels;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of other steps taken/being taken to enhance the facilities and security to the athletes including female athletes residing in different SAI hostels in the country, centre-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Sports Authority of India (SAI) has started a sensitization campaign to spread awareness amongst its trainees and staff, particularly women & girl trainees, and provide additional awareness for grievance redressal.

Recent actions undertaken by Sports Authority of India includes:

- (i) Two days' Workshop on Sensitization on Psychological issues of sports persons/coaches was conducted at SAI Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports (NSNIS), Patiala on 21st & 22nd July, 2015 by five experts from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and a Psychiatrist Consultant from Delhi University which was attended by 200 sportspersons & Coaches.
- (ii) It has been decided to introduce Yoga as a compulsory activity in all SAI Training Centres to have a salutary effect on holistic development and emotional well-being of SAI trainees.

(iii) Decision to engage Psychological Counselors has been conveyed to all centres.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam.

Necessary instructions have already been given to engage lady wardens in girls' hostels where lady wardens were not available.

(e) Instructions have been issued to engage security staff at SAI Sports Training Centres and also to hold a Parent-Coach-Administrator meeting (PACM) at least once in three months to sort-out issues, if any.
