

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPORTS IN SCHOOLS COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether the Indian Sports talent has not emerged notwithstanding the organization of international league competitions of sports in hockey, badminton, kabaddi, tennis, football etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the scheme being implemented by the Government to groom the sports talent in students at school and college level;
- (d) the details of other schemes implemented by the Government to encourage active participation of students in schools/colleges in various sports activities and to develop sports infrastructure in schools /colleges along with the funds allocated/released for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has identified/proposes to identify talented youths from schools and colleges of various States for achieving better performance in the forthcoming Olympic Games and other international sports competitions and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Madam, participation of Indian players in various international league competitions of sports in hockey, badminton, kabaddi, tennis, football etc. gives an opportunity to Indian athletes to play with the top ranking athletes of the world. As a result, the performance of the Indian players & the teams has improved.

(c) Madam, Sports is a State subject and it is primarily responsibility of the State Govt to groom the sports talent among students at School and College level. National Sports Federations (NSFs) are responsible for promotion and development of their disciplines. Under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs the Central Govt provides financial assistance for participation of sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, training/coaching of sportspersons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and consumables etc.

School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) have been recognized by the Government of India as National Sports Promotion Organizations (NSPOs) and are eligible for the same level of assistance as are available to NSFs. SGFI and AIU are involved in promotion and development of sports and games in schools and colleges/universities respectively.

Government has also recognized Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society & Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society as NSFs for promotion of the sport of hockey and football at school level. Financial assistance, at par with the NSFs, is given to them for organising the National Championships at the School level.

(d) The Ministry is implementing the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) under which central assistance is provided to States and UTs for conducting the following types of annual sports competitions to encourage active participation of boys and girls, including students in schools/colleges, in various sports activities :

- I. Rural Sports Competitions at Block, District, State and National level;
- ii. Women Sports Competitions at District, State and National level;
- iii. North East Games at District, State and Inter-State level (amongst North Eastern States)
- iv. Competitions in Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas at Block, District, State and National levels

The Ministry has also been implementing a scheme, namely, Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) on a pilot basis with effect from the year 2010-11. Under this scheme, 100% financial assistance is provided to State Governments/ Union Territories for development of the following sports infrastructure:-

(I) Synthetic playing surface (for hockey and athletics);

(ii) Multipurpose indoor hall.

State Governments, Local Civic Bodies, School, Colleges and Universities under Central/State Governments and Sports Control Boards are eligible to receive assistance for creation of sports infrastructure under this scheme.

(e) Government has formulated and issued, in February, 2015, a scheme known as National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) under which it is proposed to identify sporting talent among students in the age group of 8 to 12 years, including from rural areas, and further nurture them so as to enable them to participate in National and International sports events, win medals and bring laurels to the country. Government is also implementing 'NSDF TOP Scheme' with the objective of identifying and supporting potential medal prospects for 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games.