

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

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CLOSURE OF SAI CENTRE
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some Sports Training Centres of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) have been closed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the action taken to re-start these centres?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. One Special Area Games (SAG) centre and one SAI Training Centre (STC) of SAI have been temporarily closed.
- (b) A Special Area Games (SAG) Centre in Muzaffarpur, Bihar was closed temporarily due to poor support from the State Government / District Authorities. The State Govt, was requested to look into the poor condition of the infrastructure as well as the law and order issue, as certain local elements used to disturb the activities and functioning of the SAG Centre. Furthermore, despite several reminders, the State Govt. / District Authorities were not coming forth to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SAI, which is a prerequisite before any centre is started in collaboration with State Govt. / District Authorities.

Similarly, the SAI Training Centre (STC) at Dhenkanal, Odisha was closed due to frequent dislocation of trainees, caused due to holding of non-supporting events by the local organizations.
- (c) A committee under the Chairmanship of Director General, SAI has been constituted to look into all the cases connected with closure of a centre or a discipline in a centre. Further Director, Netaji Subhash Eastern Centre, Kolkata has been asked to take up the matter with district authorities of Dhenkanal and Muzaffarpur, which would include signing of MOUs between Sports Authorities India (SAI) and State Govts, clearly earmarking facilities being given to SAI and at the same time seeking assurance from the State Govt. / District Authorities that functioning of the centre and training activities will not be disturbed.