

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPORTS TRAINING TO TALENTED CHILDREN

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

- (a) whether the Government has announced any new scheme for promoting sports and sports persons in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government/Sports Authority of India for improving sports in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented/proposes to implement National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) across the country;
- (d) if so, the salient features thereof and the details of fund allocated/released/spent under the scheme during each of the last three years, sports discipline-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has implemented any scheme for identification of sports talents in the age group of 8 to 12 year and also impart sports training along with academic education to talented children; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof scheme and State/UT-wise and the manner in which the said sports talents are likely to be identified?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Government of India has announced following new schemes for promoting sports and sports persons in the country:-

- (i) National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS).
- (ii) Setting up of National Sports Academics for Seniors and Juniors.
- (iii) Special Package for development of Sports infrastructure in J & K.
- (iv) Conduct of annual sports event in Himalayan Region as Himalayan Region Sports Festival (HRSF).
- (v) Setting up of the National Sports University in Manipur.

Salient features of above scheme are given in Annexure I.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) has also introduced a new scheme, namely National Sports Academy (NSA). The details of the proposed Sports Academies of SAI are given in Annexure II.

(c) to (f) The Government has launched the 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 and to nurture them so as to enable them to participate in National and International sports events. Details of the scheme are already given in Annexure I. The scheme is being implemented from the current financial year (2015-16).

In addition Sports Authority of India (SAI) is also implementing a scheme namely National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC) for identification of sports talent and training in the age group of 8 to 12 years details are given in Annexure III and IV.