

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

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

(a) whether there is acute shortage of modern/International standard sports infrastructure, equipments and scientific support for promotion of sports in the country including in North Eastern States (NES);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide modern/international standard sports infrastructure and sports training facilities to sports persons of the country and the funds allocated/expenditure incurred for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; State/UT including NES and sports discipline /scheme-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to announce sports as a career option to help the sports persons to get employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments including Kerala to provide funds under the scheme for development of sports infrastructure and also for construction of sports complex under the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhyas Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the said proposals, State/UT-wise including Kerala?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) The Government is making continuous efforts to ensure equitable distribution of sports infrastructure across the country, including in the North Eastern States. In addition to the existing infrastructure & equipment, new modern venues have been created in various States for National Games. These include Ranchi, Guwahati and Kerala. In addition to this, Sports Authority of India (SAI) has modern playing facilities across the country. As far as North Eastern States are concerned, SAI already has centers in Imphal, Guwahati and a modern sports complex has been constructed in the North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) Complex at Shillong.

As regards Delhi, SAI has five Stadia in Delhi namely Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex, Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range Complex & Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Swimming Pool Complex. There were renovated / upgraded in 2010 for the conduct of Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Though there is a shortage of sports science staff, steps have been taken for appointment of qualified personnel in SAI.

Further, Sports Science Division is a multi-disciplinary unit and its different departments include Anthropometry, Physiology, Psychology, Bio - mechanics, Sports Medicine, Bio - chemistry and Nutrition with specific objectives and functions. The main objective is to provide scientific support to National campers and other trainees, supported and trained by SAI. Various Sports Science departments play an important role in education of trainees and coaches in latest scientific principles of sports training.

The following Regional Centres and Academic Institutions under Sports Authority of India have Sports Science / Sports Medicine Centres.

1. SAI NS NIS, Patiala
2. SAI, NSEC, Kolkata
3. SAI, NSSC, Bangalore
4. SAI, Head Qtrs, Delhi
5. SAI, NS WC, Gandhi Nagar
6. LNCPE, Trivandrum
7. SAI, Central Center, Bhopal
8. SAI, Regional Centre, Lucknow
9. SAI, Northern Center, Sonapat
10. SAI, NS, NEC, Imphal
11. SAI, NSNE, Guwahati

For modern infrastructure, assistance is provided to the States/UTs mainly under the Ministry's Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme

(USIS). For infrastructure in SAI, training under SAI Schemes, etc, block grants are released by the Ministry to SAI. For training of national campers, competition exposure, equipments, etc., assistance is given mainly under the Ministry's Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs). The details of allocation and expenditure in respect of these Schemes from 2011-12 to 2014-15 is given in Annexure-I.

(c) Existing instructions of the Department of Personnel and Training already provide for appointment of meritorious sportspersons upto 5% of direct recruit vacancies against sports quota in Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' posts in Central Government Offices.

(d) and (e): Proposals have been received from various States for sanction under Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS). The proposals received from the State Governments are for consideration during the course of the current financial year as per the laid down procedure. The list of the proposals received under USIS is given at Annexure II. The Mission Directorate – RGKA has received proposals from 20 States for construction of Sports Complex under the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) Scheme during 2014-15. On scrutiny of these proposals, certain deficiencies were noticed which have been conveyed to the States concerned for rectification of the same. The list of the State Governments which have submitted the proposals is given at Annexure – III.