

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated to improve the standard of sports during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the funds allocated have actually been utilised by the States/UTs for the said purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has evolved any mechanism to ensure that the funds utilised, results in tangible benefits and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government for development of sports in the country?

Answer

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

(a) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has released funds to States/Union Territories under its two schemes viz., Panchayat Yuva krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) (now revised as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), and Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) for improving the standard of sports in the country. Under PYKKA, funds were released to States for creation/development of playfields and conduct of sports competitions at block, district and state levels. Under, USIS, funds were released to states for laying of synthetic athletic tracks, hockey astro-turfs and construction of multi-purpose halls. The details of funds released to States/UTs under PYKKA Scheme are given in Annexure-I and II. Details of funds released to States under USIS are given in Annexure-III. No fund has been released in the current financial year.

(b) to (c) Utilization certificates (UCs) for all the grants released have been received except those in contained in annexure – IV and V.

(d) The Government obtains utilization certificates (UCs) from concerned States/UTs for the grants released to them. These UCs certify utilisation of the grants for the purpose for which they were sanctioned.

(e) For development of sports in the country, the Ministry is implementing the following schemes:

(i) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), a centrally sponsored scheme introduced in 2014-15, in place of erstwhile PanchyatYuvaKridaaur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), aims at construction of integrated sports complexes in all blocks of the country in a phased manner and providing access to organized sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels.

(ii) Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme, introduced in 2010-11, envisages development of playfields by the State Governments through Playfield Associations, coach development programme through Central and State Governments, creation of infrastructure including laying of artificial turfs for hockey and athletics, and construction of multi-purpose hall. Under the Scheme, State Governments, local civic bodies, schools, colleges, universities and sports control boards are eligible for assistance.

(iii) Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) for conduct of National Championships at Senior, Junior, Sub-Junior level for men and women, conduct of international tournaments in India, participation of sportspersons in international sports competitions, organizing coaching camps, engagement of foreign coaches, and procurement of sports equipments.

(iv) National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for various activities including giving assistance to elite athletes, who are medal prospects for their customized and tailor-made training and competition exposure.

(v) Scheme of Human Resource Development in Sports focusses on developing human resources in sports sciences and sports medicine for the overall development of sports and games in the country to help the country to be self reliant in these fields over a period of time in general and meet the requirements of the proposed National Institute of Sports Sciences and Medicine in particular.

(vi) Scheme of Special Cash Awards for Winners of medals in international sports events and their coaches.

(vii) Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons after they retire from active sports career with the objective of providing them financial security and incentivizing their sporting achievements.

(viii) Scheme of Sports & Games for Persons with Disabilities for broad-basing of sports among differently-abled sportspersons by way of conduct of training for community coaches, conduct of sports competitions and providing assistance to schools/institutes having differently-abled sportspersons on their rolls for procurement of sports equipments and engagement of coaches on contract basis.

Further, Sports Authority of India is implementing the following schemes for spotting and nurturing of sports talent and promotion of sports in the country:

(i) National Sports Talent Competition (NSTC): The main objective of the scheme is to identify gifted and talented sportspersons among school children in the age group of 8-14 years.

(ii) Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC): is implemented in collaboration with the Army. Children in the age group of 8-16 years are imparted scientific training to achieve excellence at national and international levels. The scheme also provides job opportunities in the Indian Army.

(iii) Special Area Games (SAG): This Scheme follows an area-specific approach to scout and nurture talent for modern competitive games and sports from tribal, rural, coastal and hilly areas of the country. The main objective of the scheme is to train talented and meritorious sportspersons in the age group of 12-18 years.

(iv) SAI Training Centres (STC): Under this scheme, talented youth in the age group of 12-18 years are given the option to join the scheme on residential or non-residential basis.

(v) Centres of Excellence (COX): the main objective of this scheme is to identify and train outstanding sportspersons who are medal prospects for the country in international competitions.