

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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PLAYGROUNDS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that adequate playgrounds are not available for the talented sportspersons in the rural areas for exercise and training purposes; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The Central Government was implementing a Scheme called Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), for creation of basic sports infrastructure by way of developing playgrounds in the rural areas of the country since 2008-09 and upto 2013-14. The PYKKA Scheme has, since, been revamped and revised and named as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA). The facilities to be created under the RGKA would have better facilities that can be used by talented sportspersons as well. Details of the RGKA Scheme is enclosed as Annexure I