

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

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CONDITION OF SAG AND SPORTS TRAINING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has operationalised Special Area Games (SAG) and Sports Training Centre Scheme for providing free accommodation, nutritional food, sports equipments etc. facilities and training to selected sports persons in States/ Union Territories through Sports Authority of India (SAI);
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that due to negligence of SAI, shortage of trainers and equipments, the conditions of several Special Area Games and Sports Training Centres is pitiable and many centres have been closed or are in the blank of closure in Bihar;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, location-wise;
- (d) whether the Government/SAI proposes to take action to re- open the closed centres and improve the condition of Sports Training Centres; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which action is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yea, Madam.

(b) & (c): There is no negligence by Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres. The closure of a Centre is a policy decision, which is taken based on certain parameters like lack of trainees in sports disciplines, lack of requisite resources, non-performance of the trainees, etc.

Special Area Games centre of SAI at Muzzafarpur, Bihar was closed down w.e.f. 1.4.2013 due to the law and order situation which had forced the hostel canteen to be closed. There was also frequent interference of local people who were utilizing sports grounds without taking permission.

(d) & (e): Reopening of the said centre can be considered by SAI only after the Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the State Government of Bihar and SAI and after the State Government improves the condition of the centre like residential accommodation, etc.