

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

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ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to get assistance from foreign countries in the field of sports science and sports medicine and establishing infrastructure for winter sports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which such assistance/ co-operation is likely to be beneficial for promoting sports in the country including backward and rural areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is no specific proposal from any foreign country for assistance in the field of Sports Medicine and establishing infrastructure for Winter Sports. There have been some preliminary discussions with Foreign Countries regarding collaboration in the field of sports medicine, but this has not led to a formal or specific proposal for cooperation. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a number of countries such as Cuba, Turkey, Hungary, Mauritius, New Zealand, Netherlands, Poland and Australia for cooperation in the field of sports, which provide for exchange of experts and information in various fields such as Sports Science, Sports Medicine, Sports Education, Sports Management, Sports Infrastructure Development,

Physical Education and Fitness Development Programs. Knowledge and expertise emanating from exchange visits are kept in view by the

Government while framing and reviewing its policies and schemes for promotion and development of Sports in the country in rural and backward areas.