GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 639 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021

Construction of Stadiums

639. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL: SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to construct stadiums at State, district and block/panchayat level in the country including rural area and small towns to promote sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and progress made till date in this direction;
- (c) the number of stadiums that have been built so far at block and panchayat levels of the country, Statewise during the last two years, till date and the number of districts in Bihar including Bhagalpur district where stadiums have been built at block and panchayat levels and the number of Stadium proposed to be built there;
- (d) whether any stadium has come up in any municipality with the assistance of the Government during the last five years and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the funds offered are totally in-adequate; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the present scheme and to make it more viable?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS { SHRI KIREN RIJIJU }

(a) to (c) Sports being a State subject, the responsibility to construct stadiums at State, district and block/panchayat level in the country rests with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts. There is no proposal under

consideration in this Ministry to build stadia at State, district and block/panchayat levels. This Ministry has not sanctioned/constructed any new stadium during the last two years, including in Bihar. However, it is informed that in the State of Bihar ten sports infrastructure projects have been sanctioned recently in December 2020, including two projects in Bhagalpur district, namely, construction of Multipurpose Hall at Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University and construction of Swimming Pool at Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour campus.

- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) and (f) Do not arise.
