

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2393
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2016

Promotion of sports among rural youths

2393. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced any policy or programme for the promotion of sports among the rural youth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the outcome and achievements made so far in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government proposes to introduce any such programme to increase the participation of rural youth in sports?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b) A Scheme called “Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports” is being implemented by this Ministry as a Central Sector Scheme from the current financial year 2016-17. This Scheme, inter-alia, provides for holding of sports competitions in two age groups of (i) under 14 and (ii) under 17 all over India to encourage mass participation of both boys and girls in Sports in both urban and rural areas. Guidelines in this regard have been issued and funds released to the concerned States to conduct the sports competitions. The Scheme provides for identification of talent through competitions and nurturing of identified talent. This Ministry, through Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing various Schemes for promotion of sports amongst the youth including rural youth. Details are given in Annexure – 1.

(c) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2393 FOR 06.12.2016 ASKED BY SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA, MP REGARDING PROMOTION OF SPORTS AMONG RURAL YOUTHS

Annexure-I

Details of Sports Promotional Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Department of Sports, to promote various sports through the Sports Authority of India

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) is being implemented to scout sports talent in the age group of 8-14 years from schools and nurture them into future medal hopes by providing scientific training.
2. 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. Similar arrangements are proposed to be made in Central Para-military forces.
3. Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme aims at scouting natural talent for modern competitive sports and games from inaccessible tribal, rural and coastal areas of the country and nurturing them scientifically for achieving excellence in sports. The Scheme also envisages tapping of talent from indigenous games and martial arts and also from regions/ communities, which are either genetically or geographically advantageous for excellence in a particular sports discipline.
4. SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme is being implemented in order to groom the junior level sports persons in the age group of 12-18 years, SAI Training Centres (STC) are established in a State where the sports infrastructure is provided by the respective State Governments.
5. Extension Centre of STC/SAG Centres Scheme aims to cover schools and colleges for wider coverage, with a view to develop sports standards in schools and colleges having requisite basic sports infrastructure and had shown good results in sports. Trainees in the age group of 10-18 years are selected under Non-Residential basis for regular training.
6. Centres of Excellence (COX) Scheme is being implemented with the objective of identifying and training outstanding sportspersons who are medal prospects for the country in international competitions.
7. National Sports Academies (NSA) Scheme is being implemented with a view to promote sports on single discipline basis. Sports Academies are therefore being set up by SAI, in collaboration with the National Sports Federations to attract sports talent in the respective sports discipline in the age group of 14-25 years. The Academy Scheme envisages modern training centres having state of the art sports facilities, equipment, requisite sports science infrastructure as well as qualified personnel to meet the daily requirement of the trainees. The Sports Academies will have both residential and non-residential trainees.
