GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 320 #
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO BIHAR

320 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR

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

(a) the amount of funds not being provided to Bihar due to stoppage of various sports events because of lockdown in last two years;

(b) whether Government would consider releasing funds under the sports head to Bihar;

(c) if so, by when and, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any study has been conducted to find out the impact of Covid times on the development of players from various districts and towns?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) Funds are allocated in this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise. Therefore, there is no question of stoppage of any funds for the State of Bihar. In fact, during the last two years, this Ministry has sanctioned 11 sports infrastructure projects of various categories under the Khelo India Scheme in Bihar amounting to Rs. 55.49 crores, out of which Rs. 12 crores stand released.

(d) This Ministry has been continually taking proactive steps to prevent the spread of Covid cases among the sportspersons at its various academies and training centres since the outbreak of the pandemic in the country. The training as well as competitive programmes have been developed accordingly in order to mitigate the effect of Covid on the health and performance of the sportspersons on the basis of new standard operating procedures and feedback received from the sports administrators, coaches, sportspersons, sports federations and other stakeholders.

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