

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

SETTING UP OF CENTRES FOR DISABILITY SPORTS

116: SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government had announced setting up of five Centers, for Disabilities Sports in five zones of the country; and

(b) If so, he details thereof including the places identified for these Centers, their status in terms of physical infrastructure, personnel engaged for administrative /coaching services and the sports disciplines identified for each of these centres?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir, The Ministry had proposed to establish five Centres for Disability Sports, one each in all the five zones of the country viz at Zirakpur in Punjab (North Zone) Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh (Central Zone), Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh (South Zone) and Shillong in Meghalaya (East Zone). The location of the Centre in the Western Zone is yet to be finalized. The Centres for Disability Sports at Gwalior and at Shillong was proposed to be set up during the Fourteenth Finance Commission period. After the setting up and operationalisation of the Centres at Gwalior and Shillong, the remaining three Centres will be considered in the Fifteenth Finance Commission period. The Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior known as The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports has already been set up and inaugurated on 2nd October, 2023. The Centre for Disability Sports at Shillong (Meghalaya) is to be set up after issues related to land allotment, mutation etc by the concerned State Government are fully sorted out and possession of the land is taken by the Central Government free of all encumbrances. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports have notified harmonized accessibility guidelines as per Rule 15 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 whereby all the existing sports centres will be made accessible to the Persons with Disabilities. In this regard, Ministry of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has already notified vide Notification No. 517(E) dated 17th July, 2023 incorporating the Ministry of Youth & Sports Notification No.7-6/MYAS/MDSD/2021 dated 13th of October, 2022.

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports in Gwalior (M.P.) has been established with an estimated cost of Rs. 170.99 crores (Rs 151.16 crore + Rs 19.83 crore) in an

area of 34 acres and inaugurated on 2nd October, 2023. The Centre is allotted a total workforce of 145 personnel out of which 05-positions are sanctioned regular strength. At present 05 regular personnel are engaged for administrative works and 03 coaches and 04 assistant coaches are in position on contract basis. Following are the identified sports disciplines for the centre:

- i. Para Athletics
- ii. Para Judo
- iii. Para Swimming
- iv. Sitting Volley ball
- v. Para Badminton
- vi. Basketball
- vii. Para Table tennis
- viii. Fencing
- ix. Rugby
- x. 5 A side blind football
- xi. Blind cricket
- xii. Tennis
- xiii. Hockey
- xiv. Para Dance Sport
- xv. Boccia
- xvi. Goalball
- xvii. Para Powerlifting
- xviii. Taekwondo
