

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1428**  
ANSWERED ON- 14/12/2023

**SETTING UP OF SPORTS ACADEMY IN WEST BENGAL**

1428. SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up a sports academy in the tea belt of the Dooars region of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Railway Sports Promotion Board to establish a National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) in the Dooars region of West Bengal, specifically in New Cooch Behar, with a sanctioned capacity for training of 50 athletes.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

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