

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 789
ANSWERED ON 08/02/2024

WATERS SPORTS CENTRES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

789. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

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

- (a) the number and details of Waters Sports Centres in the State of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the funds allocated and spent on these Water Sports Centres till date;
- (c) the details of the progress made so far and date of inauguration of Water Sports Centre in Koldam, Barmana and Bilaspur; and
- (d) whether there will be a need for some different types of additional appointments and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a): One Water Sports Centre has been established at Koldam in Bilaspur (Himachal Pradesh), namely, Sports Authority of India (SAI)-National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Water Sports Extension Centre of SAI Training Centre (STC). Further, the details of Water Sports Centres under Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (ABVIMAS), Manali, District Kullu are as under:

- Regional Water Sports Centre, Pongdam, Kangra,
- Water Sports Centre, Bilaspur,
- River Rafting Centre, Pirdi, Kullu.

(b): SAI releases funds through its Regional Centres only for overall promotion and development of sports in the country. Accordingly, the details of funds released to SAI Regional Centres, Chandigarh, during the last three years and current year are as under:

S.N.	FY	Amount (in ₹)
1.	2020-21	26,36,80,670
2.	2021-22	33,61,77,000
3.	2022-23	40,46,66,213
4.	2023-24 (Upto Dec.)	32,25,10,000

Further, ABVIMAS is a self-sustained unit of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh and hence no funds have been allocated from the State Government's budget except budgetary grant on account of salaries of employees, travelling allowance, wages, office expenditure, etc. The funds in the form of training charges/fees collected from the trainees undergoing training at its various Centres are being utilized for the development and maintenance of the Centres.

(c) & (d): The Water Sports Centre at Koldam was inaugurated on 09th October, 2022. Presently, there are 24 female athletes (residential) in Kayaking & Canoeing (12) and Rowing (12) disciplines who are being imparted training at the Centre. Further, officers and support staff have already been posted at these Centres and, as of now, there is no such proposal for appointing/posting of any additional manpower.
