

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 474
ANSWERED ON - 25/07/2024

PROMOTION OF CRICKET

474#SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) the total number of applications along with the total number of students selected for cricket scholarships under Government schemes during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for infrastructure development, including stadiums for cricket games, during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the number of new stadiums and training centres opened during the said period along with the total number of persons who have been imparted training, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (c): 'Sports' is a state subject. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to create basic sports infrastructure for promotion of various sports and games, including cricket, in the country. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has recognized the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as the apex body for the promotion of Cricket in India, which is self-sufficient and does not receive any grants from any schemes of the Government.

This Ministry provides financial assistance to recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs) under its scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF), for the training of athletes, which includes all requisite support for training, participation in international events, conduct of national championships, conduct of international tournaments in India, engagement of foreign coaches/support staff, scientific & medical support etc.

Further, under the component "Creation and Up-gradation of Sports Infrastructure" of the Khelo India Scheme, 323 sports infrastructure projects have been sanctioned across the country. A total of 1059 Khelo India Centres and 302 Accredited Academies have already been sanctioned across the country. Moreover, the renovation and development of the Maulana Azad (M.A) Stadium, Jammu to the ICC Standards for hosting international cricket matches has been completed at a cost of Rs. 47.95 crore under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.
