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Standards for sports coaching in the country

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Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any standards for sports coaching in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether these standards for sports coaching are being strictly implemented;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether these sports coaching standards are in accordance with the global best practices; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) to (f): The standards of sports coaching as an education and practice are implemented through the Sports Authority of India (SAI). The educational aspect is being implemented particularly through its premier institutes such as the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NSNIS), Patiala, the Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE), Thiruvananthapuram and other institutes. Further, the practice aspect of sports coaching is being implemented through SAI's regional centres across the country through its various sports promotional schemes.

The structured coaching courses, development programs, and refresher courses are designed to set benchmarks for sports coaching in India. The standards for sports coaching are embedded in Structured Educational Programs, High-Performance Development (HPD) Initiatives, Continuing Professional Development (CPD), Selection and appointment of coaches. The formulated standards are being implemented through the mechanisms viz. Evaluation and Certification, Monitoring and Review Systems and Mandatory Continuing Education. Thus these standards for sports coaching are being strictly implemented.

Indian sports coaching standards are aligned with global best practices through international collaborations, sports science integration, global representation and training. Conduct of high performance coaching programs, designing and development of scientific curriculum, integration of data analytics & performance monitoring and regular update of curriculum and operational standard etc. are integrated in the above sports coaching standards. The rising numbers

of Indian athletes achieving international accolades underscores the effectiveness of these programs and are testimonial to the success of Indian Sports coaching standard.
