

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3360
ANSWERED ON 21/08/2025

**PROGRESS OF SAI NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN COOCH BEHAR,
WEST BENGAL**

3360 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

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

- (a) the current status of the establishment of the Sports Authority of India National Centre of Excellence in Cooch Behar, West Bengal, including the specific projects undertaken and their progress;
- (b) total funds sanctioned and released for the development of this Centre, along with the timelines set for the completion of key infrastructure components such as the 400-meter synthetic athletic track and synthetic football turf; and
- (c) whether there have been any delays or obstacles in the implementation of the Centre's projects, including issues related to land acquisition, funding disbursement, or coordination between Central and State authorities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) Sports Authority of India has sanctioned infrastructure projects to the tune of 29 crs for the National Centre of Excellence in Cooch Behar, West Bengal. Funds have been sanctioned for laying of 08 lane synthetic Athletic track (Rs. 12.5226 Crores); laying of synthetic football turf (Rs. 7.5866 Crores) ; construction of substation and pump room of (Rs. 8.7852 Crores).NFR is the executing agency for site development work and amount pertaining to consultancy related expenditure has been released to them.
