

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON - 12/03/2026

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPORTS TRAINING CENTRES IN GOA

2395 SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the adequacy of existing sports infrastructure in Goa in view of increasing number of athletes and sports-enthusiasts requiring access to advanced-training facilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any proposals or requests have been received from the State Government of Goa, State Sports Associations or other stakeholders for the establishment of National Centres of Excellence, training centres and/or regional centres in Goa and if so, the status of such proposals; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish such training-centres in Goa after conducting-feasibility or need-based assessments and if so, the timeline and details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the primary responsibility for the promotion and development of sports rests with the respective State/UT Governments. However, to supplement the efforts of the States/UTs, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, through the Sports Authority of India (SAI), implements the SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme to identify and nurture talented sportspersons across various age groups and prepare them for excellence at national and international levels.

At present, two SAI Training Centres are operational in the State of Goa at Ponda and Peddem. Under these centres, athletes are provided comprehensive support including expert coaching, sports equipment, scientific support, boarding and lodging facilities.

Further, under the "Creation and Up-gradation of Sports Infrastructure" component of the Khelo India Scheme and the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), financial assistance has been extended for the development of sports infrastructure across the country, including in Goa, for facilities such as synthetic athletic tracks, synthetic hockey fields, synthetic turf football grounds, multipurpose halls and swimming

pools. The details of sports infrastructure projects approved under the Khelo India Scheme and NSDF across the country are available in the public domain on the Ministry's dashboards at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in> and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>.

At present, no proposal for establishment of a National Centre of Excellence or a Regional Centre of SAI has been received from the Government of Goa.
