

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4474
ANSWERED ON - 02/04/2026

VACANCIES AT SAI CENTRES IN KERALA

4474 SHRI HARIS BEERAN:

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

- (a) the disaggregated, discipline-wise details of vacancies in coaching and scientific cadres specifically at SAI centres in Kerala, including LNCPE Trivandrum, as of March 1, 2026;
- (b) whether six-month deadline has expired in February, 2026 to fill 45 per cent overarching vacancies; and
- (c) the reasons for advertising only 323 coach and 48 scientific vacancies in 2026 against the documented deficit of 653 and 138 respectively?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a) The Coaching and Scientific Cadre is based on all India transfer posting basis; hence, discipline-wise/centre-wise disaggregated vacancies are not applicable including SAI centres in Kerala. The final deployment of the candidates who will be hired through these recruitment drives shall be done based on the operational and functional requirements of each centre.
- (b) The vacancies, constituting 45 per cent, pertain to multiple posts across different cadres. Recruitment drives in this regard are at various stages, with some having been completed. The precise position with respect to vacancies and appointments will be ascertained upon completion of all recruitment drives. It is further submitted that filling up of sanctioned posts is a continuous process, undertaken in a calibrated manner keeping in view the requirements of each cadre, including the need to maintain appropriate career progression and to minimise stagnation.
- (c) The figures of 653 and 138 vacancies do not pertain specifically to the posts of Assistant Coach and Performance Analyst, but relate to vacancies across various posts. Steps are taken from time to time to fill up the vacancies, in accordance with the prescribed procedures.
