

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2231
ANSWERED ON - 06/08/2026

AVAILABILITY OF COACHES

2231 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

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

- (a) the number of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts of coaches and assistant coaches in Sports Authority of India (SAI), National Sports Academies and Regional Sports Schools, year-wise and discipline-wise, during the last five years;
- (b) the number of coaches holding international certifications or advanced coaching qualifications, discipline-wise;
- (c) the number of athletes currently without access to full-time trained coaches, institution wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated and utilised for coach recruitment, training and upskilling programmes during the last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) The details of the sanctioned strength, in-position strength and vacancies in the posts of Coaches and Assistant Coaches during the last five years are provided at Annexure-I. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) engages qualified coaches to provide scientific and systematic training to athletes under its Sports Promotional Schemes. The qualifications and competencies of coaches are assessed in accordance with the prescribed recruitment and engagement norms.

Further, athletes are imparted scientific and systematic training under the guidance of qualified coaches. During the last five years, an amount of over ₹8.5 crore has been allocated for training and upskilling programmes for coaches to further enhance their professional capabilities.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO.2231 FOR 06.08.2026 ASKED BY SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE “AVAILABILITY OF COACHES.”

Year Wise Strength Position of Coaches

Strength Position as on 01-04-2026					
SN	Designation	Sanctioned Strength	In Position		Vacancy Position
			Regular	Contract & Deputation	
1	Coach	400	194	116	90
2	Assistant Coach	774	57	253	464
Total		1,174	251	369	554

Strength Position as on 01-04-2025					
SN	Designation	Sanctioned Strength	In Position		Vacancy Position
			Regular	Contract & Deputation	
1	Coach	400	197	129	74
2	Assistant Coach	774	141	280	353
Total		1,174	338	409	427

Strength as on 01-04-2024					
SN	Designation	Sanctioned Strength	In Position		Vacancy Position
			Regular	Contract & Deputation	
1	Coach	400	199	119	82
2	Assistant Coach	774	142	141	491
Total		1,174	341	260	573

Strength as on 01-04-2023					
SN	Designation	Sanctioned Strength	In Position		Vacancy Position
			Regular	Contract & Deputation	
1	Coach	400	176	121	103
2	Assistant Coach	774	167	220	387
Total		1,174	343	341	490

Strength as on 01-04-2022					
S N	Designation	Sanctioned Strength	Present Strength		Vacancy Position
			Regular	Contract & Deputation	
1	Coach	400	178	113	109
2	Assistant Coach	774	172	258	344
Total		1,174	350	371	453
