

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 639
ANSWERED ON - 23/07/2026

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT SAI KOLKATA

639 SHRI BISWAJIT SINHA (RAHUL SINHA):

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

- (a) the present status of sports infrastructure, hostels and sports science facilities at SAI Kolkata and whether these are adequate for national-level training;
- (b) the sanctioned strength, working strength and vacancies of coaches and support staff, discipline-wise;
- (c) whether capacity at the Centre remains underutilised due to staffing, funding or infrastructure constraints;
- (d) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised for upgradation and maintenance during the last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken, with timelines, to fill vacancies, modernise facilities and strengthen athlete welfare and high-performance outcomes at SAI Kolkata?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a). The available infrastructure and facilities are adequate for imparting training to National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) athletes and National Coaching Camp participants across various disciplines. The list of sports infrastructure, hostels and sports science facilities at SAI Kolkata is provided at **Annexure-I**.

(b) As per the existing Recruitment Rules and Service Bye-laws of SAI, no Regional Centre-wise division of sanctioned posts exists. Deployment/posting of personnel is undertaken based on the functional requirements of the respective Regional Centres. Further, the current position of Coaches (discipline-wise) posted under Regional Centre, Kolkata is provided at **Annexure-II**.

Apart from above, the details of support staff specific to Sports Science Cadre in RC Kolkata is provided at **Annexure – III**.

(c) No Sir, Infrastructure and operational requirements are reviewed periodically, and necessary maintenance and upgradation are undertaken on a continuous basis to ensure the smooth and uninterrupted training of athletes.

(d) Total funds Rs. 42.29 Crore is released and utilised for upgradation and maintenance for SAI Centres in Kolkata during the last three years.

(e) Recruitment to various vacant posts is undertaken in accordance with the applicable Recruitment Rules and the status of vacancies is reviewed from time to time. Infrastructure at Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centres is upgraded and modernized, as required, subject to functional requirements and availability of resources.

Athlete welfare and high-performance outcomes are supported through provision of quality coaching, sports science back-up, boarding and lodging, equipment, competition exposure (Domestic and International), education, and other support under the National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) Scheme.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO.639 FOR 23.07.2026 ASKED BY SHRI BISWAJIT SINHA (RAHUL SINHA) REGARDING “INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT SAI KOLKATA”.

STATUS OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE, HOSTELS AND SPORTS SCIENCE FACILITIES AT SAI KOLKATA

SN.	Details of Infrastructure, buildings/ Hostels/ Sports Science Building etc.
1	Astro Turf Hockey Field (with floodlight facilities)
2	Football Grounds (2 Nos.) with floodlight facilities.
3	400M Synthetic Athletic Track
4	Lawn Tennis [3 Clay courts & 2 Cemented Courts]
5	Basketball Court [4 Nos.]
6	Archery Ground with Shed, Dressing room and Floodlight facilities
7	Indoor Training Centre (60 M X 40 M X 19 M)- Multi-purpose Hall
8	Swimming Pool (Outdoor) – Non functional
9	Gymnasium
10	Changing Rooms with Sauna Bath facilities
11	Regional Hostel for Girls (3 storied) [50 bedded]
12	Regional Hostel for Boys (3 storied) [100 bedded]
13	300 Bedded Hostel [G+5]
14	Millennium Hostel (3 storied) (50 bedded)
15	200 Bedded Hostel (4 storied) for Academic Students
16	Director’s Bungalow (2 storied)
17	Guest House (2 storied, 7 Rooms)
18	Staff Quarters- [Type III, 18 Nos.]
19	Academic Building (2 storied)
20	Sports Science Centre, [Sports Medicine, Physiology, Psychology, Nutrition, Anthropometry, Biomechanics, Physiotherapy.
21	Administrative Building with Pavilion (3 storied)
22	Electrical Substation

ANNEXURE-II

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NO. OF COACHES AT REGIONAL CENTRE KOLKATA

Discipline	Academics	Extension Centre	Khelo India	NCOE	STADIA	STC	Grand Total
Archery	3	1	0	5	0	7	16
Athletics	2	0	0	3	0	5	10
Badminton	0	1	1	0	1	3	3
Cycling	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Football	3	0	0	0	0	6	9
Gymnastics	2	0	0	4	0	2	8
Hockey	0	0	0	1	0	5	6
Kayaking & Canoeing	0	0	0	5	0	1	6
Rowing	0	0	0	4	0	3	7
Swimming	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Table Tennis	1	0	0	3	0	3	7
Taekwondo	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wushu	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Grand Total	11	2	1	25	1	41	78

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NO. OF SUPPORT STAFF AT RC KOLKATA

S.N.	Name of the Post	Name of the Discipline	Sanctioned Strength	Working Strength	Vacancies
1	High Performance Director		2	1	1
2	Medical Officer		2	2	0
3	High Performance Analyst	Biochemistry	0	0	0
		Biomechanics	1	0	1
		Nutrition	1	1	0
		Physiology	1	0	1
		Physiotherapy	3	1	2
		Psychology	1	1	0
		Strength & Conditioning	3	3	0
		Total	10	6	4
4	Performance Analyst	Anthropometry	1	1	0
		Biomechanics	1	0	1
		Nutrition	1	0	1
		Physiology	0	0	0
		Physiotherapy	1	0	1
		Psychology	0	0	0
		Strength & Conditioning	1	0	1
		Total	5	1	4
5	Massage Therapist		10	6	4
