

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2664
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2016**

Participation of Women in Sports

**†2664. SHRI HARI MANJHI :
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI :**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the women from the country particularly from the North Eastern (NE) States have won laurels for the country in the field of sports;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for encouraging and giving training to the women players from various States particularly the NE States in the field of various sports;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for identifying and nurturing the sporting talents from rural areas of various States particularly NE States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOYAL)**

(a): Yes, Madam. Women sportspersons from North Eastern States have made the country proud by winning a number of medals in international sports events including mega

Sports events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

(b) to (d) : All schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are equally applicable to women sportspersons from various states including in North Eastern (NE) States. Details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for encouraging and giving training to the sportspersons is given in the Annexure.

Under the sports promotional schemes of SAI, the talented sports persons including young women athletes from all over India including North East region are identified based on the scheme selection criteria by organizing talent scouting programme by the respective Regional Centres. The Regional centers of SAI in NE region are at Guwahati and Imphal.

The majority of the trainees selected from North Eastern Region belong to the rural and backward areas of the North Eastern States. The selected trainees are provided with the facilities in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/ insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

Department of Sports has given financial assistance from National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) to Mary Kom Regional Boxing Foundation for Boxing academy at Manipur. SAI has signed an agreement with the said academy to promote boxing in the region.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (b) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2664 for answer on 01.12.2016 regarding 'Participation of Women in Sports' asked by SHRI HARI MANJHI, MP and SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI, MP :

Details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for encouraging and giving training to the sportspersons are as follows :-

- (i) Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) – This is a scheme of Department of Sports, inter-alia, for participation in international events abroad, conducting national / international tournaments in India, training / coaching of national teams under Indian and foreign coaches, etc.**
- (ii) Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following sports promotional schemes to identify talented sports persons in the age groups ranging from 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions across the country:**
 - National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)**
 - Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)**
 - SAI Training Centre (STC)**
 - Special Area Games (SAG)**
 - Extension Centre of STC/SAG**
 - Centre of Excellence (CoE)**
 - National Sports Academies (NSA)**

Details of the said schemes are given on the website of SAI i.e. www.sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in

SAI has established 10 Regional Centres including 02 Regional Centres in the North East States viz Guwahati and Imphal and 02 educational institutions to implement

the above sports promotional schemes in the country through 273 SAI sports centres.

Presently, 12512 talented sports persons are being trained under SAI Schemes in 27 sports disciplines throughout the country, 3690 sports persons are girl trainees of which 901 girl trainees are trained in the North Eastern States.
