

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*85
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018**

Encouraging Female Players

†*85. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

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

(a) whether women from various States of the North Eastern Region (NER) have brought laurels to the country in the field of sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the schemes being implemented by the Government to encourage female players in the region;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to identify and nurture the talent of young sportpersons of the rural areas of NER; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)}**

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. †*85 FOR 08.02.2018 ASKED BY SHRI BHOLA SINGH, MP, REGARDING ENCOURAGING FEMALE PLAYERS.

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The most prominent women sportspersons from the North Eastern Region (NER), who have brought laurels to the country in different sports disciplines are Ms. M C Mary Kom (Boxing), Ms. Dipa Karmakar (Gymnastics), Ms. L Sarita Devi (Boxing), Ms. N. Kunjarani Devi (Weightlifting), Ms. Anita Chanu (Weightlifting), Ms. Lily Chanu (Archery), Ms. L Bombayla Devi (Archery), Ms. O Bem Bem Devi (Football), etc.

Sports promotional Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports cater to the entire population of the country, both male and female, including women from NER. Budget Estimates (BE) for this Ministry for North Eastern Areas for the year 2017-18 amounts to Rs.197.05 crore which has been revised to Rs.174.90 crore at Revised Estimates (RE) stage. BE of this Ministry for the year 2018-19 for North Eastern Areas is Rs.228.45 crore. Some of the major Schemes being implemented by this Ministry which aim at broadbasing of sports and achieving excellence in sports are as under :

- i. Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports : This Scheme was formulated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to promote sports through creation of sports infrastructure and conduct of annual sports competitions in the entire country, and implemented from the financial year 2016-17. The earlier Khelo India Scheme, has been revised and revamped during the current financial year 2017-18. The revamped Scheme, inter-alia includes a vertical of ‘Sports for Women’ to encourage female players in entire country, including the North Eastern Region (NER). The relevant provisions of the Scheme are given in Annexure – I.**
- ii. Scheme for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) : Under this Scheme, the Government provides assistances to NSFs for conducting National Championships and International tournaments in India, participation of national teams in**

International tournaments in India and abroad, organizing National coaching camps, procuring sports equipment, engagement of foreign coaches, etc. This Scheme applies to the entire country and caters to the entire population, both male and female, including women from NER.

- iii. National Sports Development Fund: This Fund was established by the Central Government in 1998, under Charitable Endowments Act 1890, with a view to mobilizing resources from the Government as well as non-governmental sources, including the private/corporate sector and non-resident Indians, for promotion of sports and games in the country. Financial assistance is provided from the Fund to outstanding sportspersons, Sports Federations and other organizations. This Scheme applies to the entire country and caters to the entire population, both male and female, including women from NER. Salient features of the Fund are given in Annexure – II.**

In addition, in order to promote sports among the youth (both male and female sports person) across the country, including the States of North Eastern India, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, is implementing various Sports Promotional Schemes to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions. Under these Schemes, SAI has established its 02 Regional Centres at Imphal (Manipur) and Guwahati (Assam) to cater to the needs of sports persons of the North Eastern Region. Accordingly, under these Regional Centres, 17 sports centres are presently operational under Guwahati Regional Centre and 15 centres are operational under Imphal Regional Centre. 2 centres are also operational in Tripura in the NER under Kolkata Regional Centre. In these centres, 972 talented female players and 1682 male sports persons are being trained in 19 sports disciplines. The details of number of sports persons male and female being trained in the North Eastern Region under SAI Schemes during 2017-18 is attached at Annexure –III.

(c) & (d) The revamped Khelo India Scheme, inter-alia also includes a vertical of ‘Talent Identification and Development’. This vertical applies to

the entire country and caters to the entire population, both male and female, including women from NER. The Scheme provides for conduct of annual sports competitions in schools and universities as well as separate competitions for women. The Scheme aims to identify 1000 sporting talents (including women from NER) in priority sports disciplines at various levels through different avenues. The identified talents will be provided financial assistance, at the rate of Rs.5.00 lakh per annum, for a period of 8 years and nurtured under a Long Term Athlete Development Programme. The relevant provisions of the Scheme are given in Annexure – IV.

Besides, the Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme of SAI primarily envisage identification of natural talent for modern competitive sports and games from the rural and tribal belts of the North Eastern States and nurturing them for achieving excellence in sports. The scheme also helps to tap talent from Indigenous Games and Martial Arts and from the communities which are either genetically or geographically advantageous for excellence in a particular sports discipline. Under the scheme sports talent in the age group 10-18 years is considered. Presently, there are 8 Special Area Games Centres functional in the State of Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim and Tripura.

Further, SAI National / Regional Sports Academies are also being run as single discipline high performance sports training centres, running on Project & Mission mode for Olympic 2024 and subsequent Olympic 2028 where best available talent identified on Pan India basis including NER are being nurtured. At present 10 National and 5 Regional Sports Academies are operational, including SAI-Regional Football Academy in Imphal to identify and nurture the young sportspersons of the region in the field of football.

Both the above Schemes of SAI apply to the entire country and cater to the entire population, both male and female, including women from NER.

Further, the Ministry is setting up a National Sports University in Manipur. The University would be of international standard and provide

high standard framework linking the diverse fields of sports in India by offering academic degrees, conducting interdisciplinary research work and promoting tie-ups with international institutes with the ultimate aim of improving the country's sporting performance at the national and international levels. It would be the first of its kind in the entire South and West Asian region. It will be set up under an Act of Parliament. Its structure of governance will be in conformity with the Central Universities Act, 2009. Accordingly, the National Sports University Bill, 2017, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 10.08.2017 and is, at present, under consideration. At present, the Bill is under consideration of Parliament. This University, which will attract students from the entire country will be especially beneficial for students, including women, of the NER.

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Annexure – I

Relevant provisions of the “Sports for Women” vertical of the Khelo India Scheme

While all the components of the Khelo India Scheme are gender neutral and afford opportunities to women too for participating in sporting activities and development of sports, it is proposed to hold annual national competitions for women. Emphasis will be laid on such sports disciplines where there is less participation of women so that more number of women will participate in such sports disciplines.

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Annexure – II

Salient Features of the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)

National Sports Development Fund: This Fund was established by the Central Government in 1998, under Charitable Endowments Act 1890, with a view to mobilizing resources from the Government as well as non-governmental sources, including the private/corporate sector and non-resident Indians, for promotion of sports and games in the country. Financial assistance is provided from the Fund to outstanding sportspersons, Sports Federations and other organizations. Top level sports persons, who are medal winning prospects in Olympics, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and other international competitions, are selected for financial assistance from NSDF. The assistance is given for their customized training, both in India and abroad, to prepare them for winning medals at international events. Special stress is being given to support the sportspersons who have been selected under a programme namely, TOP (Target Olympic Podium) Scheme, specifically devised to train medal prospects for future Olympics. Reputed Organizations/Institutes/Sports Academies, engaged in promotion of sports and games, can also get financial assistance for specific projects like development of infrastructure, procurement of state of the art equipment etc., so as to enhance the facilities of the sportspersons being groomed in such organizations; the beneficiary organizations have to share such facilities for the conduct of national camps and national/state level competitions.

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Annexure – III

**DETAILS OF SAI SPORTS PROMOTIONAL SCHEMES TRAINEES IN THE NORTH
EASTERN STATES**

REGIONAL CENTRE, IMPHAL

NATIONAL SPORTS TALENT CONTEST (NSTC) SCHEME

SN	State/School	Discipline	Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
	Manipur							
1	Sainik School, Imphal	Football	0	0	0	34	0	34
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	34	0	34
		G. TOTAL:	0	0	0	34	0	34

INDIGENOUS GAMES AND MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOLS (IGMA)

	Manipur							
1	Bal Vidya Mandir, Village & Post Office, Dhoibal, Manipur	Mukna	0	0	0	08	0	08
		Thang-Ta	0	0	0	08	09	17
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	16	09	25
2	Panthoibi Jagoi Sindam Academy, Shanglen	Mukna	0	0	0	08	0	08
		Thang-Ta	0	0	0	04	08	12
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	12	08	20
		G.TOTAL:	0	0	0	28	17	45

SAI TRAINING CENTERS (STC) SCHEME

	Manipur							
1	Imphal	Archery	16	14	30	0	0	0
		Athletics	17	04	21	0	0	0
		Cycling	16	08	24	0	0	0
		Football	68	21	89	0	0	0
		Handball	0	18	18	0	0	0
		Hockey	25	12	37	0	0	0
		Kabaddi	15	12	27	0	0	0
		Sepaktakraw	16	16	32	0	0	0
		Taekwondo	30	08	38	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	203	113	316	0	0	0
	Nagaland							
2	Dimapur	Boxing	16	0	16	0	0	0
		Football	37	0	37	0	0	0
		Sepaktakraw	17	0	17	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	70	0	70	0	0	0
		G.TOTAL:	273	113	386	0	0	0

SPECIAL AREA GAMES (SAG) SCHEME

SN	State/School	Discipline	Residential			Non- Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
	Manipur							
1	Imphal	Boxing	33	27	60	0	0	0
		Fencing	12	18	30	0	0	0
		Gymnastics	12	09	21	0	0	0
		Judo	15	17	32	0	0	0
		Karate	14	05	19	0	0	0
		Shooting	0	0	0	05	0	05
		Swimming	20	07	27	0	0	0
		Weightlifting	06	26	32	0	0	0
		Wrestling	17	13	30	0	0	0
		Wushu	30	19	49	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	159	141	300	05	0	05

SN	State/School	Discipline	Residential			Non- Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
2	Utlov	Boxing	41	0	41	0	10	10
		Football	36	0	36	0	0	0
		Taekwondo	29	0	29	0	09	09
		Weightlifting	24	0	24	0	15	15
		TOTAL:	130	0	130	0	34	34
Mizoram								
3	Aizwal	Boxing	11	08	19	0	0	0
		Judo	09	10	19	0	0	0
		Karate	11	06	17	0	0	0
		Sepaktakraw	10	0	10	0	0	0
		Taekwondo	12	02	14	0	0	0
		Weightlifting	02	10	12	0	0	0
		Wrestling	05	04	09	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	60	40	100	0	0	0
G.TOTAL:		349	181	530	05	34	39	

“EXTENSION CENTRE OF STC/ SAG CENTERS”

Manipur								
1	Mary Kom Boxing Academy, Imphal	Boxing	0	0	0	21	19	40
2	Sarita Regional Boxing Academy, Mayang Imphal	Boxing	0	0	0	15	05	20
TOTAL:			0	0	0	36	24	60
Mizoram								
3	Women Hockey Centre, Thenzawl	Hockey	0	0	0	0	40	40
4	District Sports Complex, Lunglei	Boxing	0	0	0	10	0	10
		Judo	0	0	0	10	0	10
		Taekwondo	0	0	0	10	0	10
TOTAL:			0	0	0	30	40	70
Nagaland								
5	Senayangba Government Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung	Football	0	0	0	20	0	20
TOTAL:			0	0	0	20	0	20
G.TOTAL:			0	0	0	86	64	150

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (COE) SCHEME

Manipur								
1	Imphal	Archery	02	06	08	0	0	0
		Boxing	02	03	05	0	0	0
		Cycling	01	01	02	0	0	0
		Fencing	0	02	02	0	0	0
		Taekwondo	02	05	07	0	0	0
		Weightlifting	0	05	05	0	0	0
		Wushu	13	18	31	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	20	40	60	0	0	0

SAI Regional Football Academy(NSA)

Manipur								
1	SAI Regional Football Academy, Takyel, Imphal	Football	40	0	40	0	0	0
TOTAL:			40	0	40	0	0	0

SUMMARY

SN	Schemes	No. Of Centres	Residential			Non- Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Regular School of NSTC	1	0	0	0	34	0	34
i)	IGMA	2	0	0	0	28	17	45
2	STC	2	273	113	386	0	0	0
3	SAG	3	349	181	530	05	34	39
4	Ext. Centre of STC/SAG	5	0	0	0	86	64	150
5	COE	1	20	40	60	0	0	0
6	NSA	1	40	0	40	0	0	0
TOTAL:		15	682	334	1016	153	115	268

REGIONAL CENTRE, GUWAHATI

NATIONAL SPORTS TALENT CONTEST (NSTC) SCHEME

SN	State/School	Discipline	Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
	Assam							
1	Don Bosco HS, Guwahati	Basketball	0	0	0	05	02	07
		Swimming	0	0	0	10	02	12
		Table Tennis	0	0	0	12	02	14
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	27	06	33

INDIGENOUS GAMES & MARTIAL ARTS

	Assam							
1	Martial Authority of Assam Tengapara, Kokrajhar	Khomlainai	0	0	0	10	10	20
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	10	10	20

ADOPTED AKHARAS

	Assam							
1	Langhin Tinali Sports Association, Langhin, Distt. Karbi Anglong	Wrestling	0	0	0	25	24	49
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	25	24	49

ARMY BOYS SPORTS COMPANIES SCHEME (ABSC)

	Meghalaya							
1	58 Gorkha Training Centre, Shillong	Archery	18	0	18	0	0	0
		Boxing	25	0	25	0	0	0
		Football	31	0	31	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	74	0	74	0	0	0
2	*Assam Regimental Centre, Shillong	Boxing	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Hockey	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Weightlifting	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Wushu	0	0	0	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	0	0	0
		G.TOTAL:	74	0	74	0	0	0

SAI TRAINING CENTERS (STC) SCHEME

	Assam							
1	Guwahati	Archery	06	08	14	07	03	10
		Athletics	06	09	15	03	01	04
		Badminton	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Boxing	12	10	22	01	01	02
		Fencing	06	07	13	08	02	10
		Football	25	0	25	01	0	01
		Kabaddi	0	0	0	0	11	11
		Kho-Kho	0	0	0	11	09	20
		Lawn Tennis	0	0	0	28	17	45
		Taekwondo	07	12	19	07	08	15
		Swimming	0	0	0	19	07	26
		Weightlifting	0	10	10	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	62	56	118	85	59	144
2	Golaghat	Boxing	02	16	18	01	01	02
		Football	19	0	19	04	0	04
		Table Tennis	0	10	10	0	0	0
		Weightlifting	0	0	0	09	03	12
		TOTAL:	21	26	47	14	04	18
	Meghalaya							
3	Shillong	Archery	13	07	20	0	01	01
		Boxing	17	08	25	0	0	0
		Football	13	0	13	0	0	0
		Judo	09	01	10	01	01	02
		Karate	0	0	0	23	18	41
		Taekwondo	06	0	06	07	06	13
		Table Tennis	0	0	0	02	13	15
		TOTAL:	58	16	74	33	39	72
		G.TOTAL:	141	98	239	132	102	234

SPECIAL AREA GAMES (SAG) SCHEME

SN	States/Centre	Disciplines	Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Arunachal Pradesh								
1	Naharlagun	Boxing	19	04	23	07	01	08
		Karate	17	09	26	03	02	05
		Taekwondo	09	10	19	04	07	11
		Weightlifting	14	10	24	07	0	07
		TOTAL:	59	33	92	21	10	31
Assam								
2	Tinsukia	Athletic	19	11	30	01	0	01
		Football	0	30	30	0	0	0
		Judo	0	0	0	07	04	11
		TOTAL:	19	41	60	08	04	12
3	Kokrajhar	Archery	15	15	30	05	01	06
		Athletics	13	07	20	0	0	0
		Boxing	12	13	25	01	0	01
		Football	30	20	50	14	0	14
		Hockey	0	23	23	0	0	0
		Judo	09	09	18	0	0	0
		Kabaddi	0	15	15	0	0	0
		Karate	09	06	15	0	0	0
		Taekwondo	13	13	26	0	0	0
		Wushu	10	09	19	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	111	130	241	20	01	21
Sikkim								
4	Namchi	Archery	09	0	09	03	04	07
		Boxing	03	0	03	01	02	03
		Football	20	0	20	0	0	0
		Taekwondo	07	0	07	0	08	08
		TOTAL:	39	0	39	04	14	18
		G. TOTAL:	228	204	432	53	29	82

“EXTENSION CENTRE OF STC/ SAG CENTERS”

Assam								
1	Dibrugarh Judo Association, Dibrugarh	Judo	0	0	0	16	04	20
2	Table Tennis Academy at Jorhat	Table Tennis	0	0	0	14	06	20
3	Dakha Devi Rasiwasia College, Chabua, Dibrugarh	Archery	0	0	0	10	10	20
		Football	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	AHCHS School, Majuli, Jorhat, Assam	Athletics	0	0	0	02	10	12
		Football	0	0	0	26	0	26
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	68	30	98

SUMMARY

SN	Scheme(s)	No. of Centres	Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	NSTC Regular Schools	01	0	0	0	27	06	33
i)	IGMA	01	0	0	0	10	10	20
ii)	Akharas	01	0	0	0	25	24	49
2	ABSC	02	74	0	74	0	0	0
3	STC	03	141	98	239	132	102	234
4	SAG	04	228	204	432	53	29	82
5	Extension Centres of STC/SAG	04	0	0	0	68	30	98
6	COE	01	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	17	443	302	745	315	201	516

REGIONAL CENTRE, KOLKATA**NATIONAL SPORTS TALENT CONTEST (NSTC) SCHEME**

SN	State/Centres Name	Discipline	Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Tripura							
	Umakanta Academy, Agartala	Football	0	0	0	13	0	13
		Gymnastics	0	0	0	11	0	11
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	24	0	24

SPECIAL AREA GAMES (SAG) SCHEME

SN	States/Centre	Disciplines	Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
	Tripura							
1	Agartala	Athletics	10	05	15	01	01	02
		Football	16	0	16	0	0	0
		Gymnastics	01	0	01	07	09	16
		Judo	13	0	13	05	03	08
		Swimming	12	02	14	0	0	0
		TOTAL:	52	07	59	13	13	26

SUMMARY

SN	Scheme(s)	No. of Centres	Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	NSTC Regular School	01	0	0	0	24	0	24
2	SAG	01	52	07	59	13	13	26
	TOTAL:	2	52	7	59	37	13	50

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Annexure – IV

Relevant provisions for ‘Talent Identification and Development’ under the Khelo India Scheme

The National competitions involving schools, colleges, Universities and NSFs under Khelo India Scheme, National Championships, and National Sports Talent Search Portal of SAI, will provide a platform for identification of talented sports persons in priority Sports disciplines in which the country has potential/advantage. In addition to selection of prize winners, the duly constituted talent identification committee may also adopt globally accepted scientific methods to spot and identify talent in various sports disciplines. The identification of talented sportspersons will be done in a transparent manner through competitive performance and assessment made through scientifically designed battery of tests. Further, a National Talent Search Portal has been launched recently which will provide seamless access to upload individual achievements. In addition, the Gujarat model of mobile van will be adopted for carrying out scientific evaluation at remote places for better identification of the talented sportspersons. During the talent identification drive sporting talent hubs, discipline wise, including indigenous games, shall be identified and duly mapped. Efforts will be made through sports academies to conduct special programmes to encourage such specific sport / game in that area.

Out of the talented players identified in priority sports disciplines at various levels through different avenues, best talents in those sports discipline will be identified by the High Powered Committee and provided annual financial assistance, at the rate of Rs.5.00 lakh per annum, for a period of 8 years under a Long Term Athlete Development Programme. Continuation of support to an individual athlete will be subject to his/her progress/performance in the identified sports discipline concerned, ensuring the best performers, having potential to excel at the highest level, are given continuous support and non-performers/ non achievers can be taken out of the system. This will ensure a sizable bench strength that the country is lacking at present. Additional funding requirement, if any, shall be met through mobilizing CSR support.

An amount of Rs.10 crore annually will be earmarked for maintenance of the Online Portal, identification of sporting talents through different avenues, including through advanced scientific profiling, short listing of talents and recommending the best talents for providing support. Identification of sporting talent will involve conduct of pan-India trials involving about 50,000 to 1,00,000 children by Talent Scouts (to be engaged for the purpose), in association with States/UTs. An amount of Rs.50 crore will be earmarked annually for providing annual financial assistance, at the rate of Rs.5.00 lakh per annum for 1000 athletes, for a period of 8 years, to

identified athletes, under a Long Term Athlete Development Programme. Thus, Rs. 60 crore (Rs. 50 crore for talent nurturing towards Training / Coaching, Consumables & Equipment, Sports Nutrition support, Sports Science Support etc., and Rs. 10 crore for maintenance of online portal, Identification of Talent through trials, shortlisting of identified talents through Scientific profiling etc.). In the second year, when additional 1000 athletes are added, Rs. 110 crore (Rs. 50 crore each for first year and second year athletes for their talent nurturing and Rs. 10 crore for talent search and development) and so on. The expenditure will be incurred on various components mentioned above and no fee/scholarship will be paid to the athlete.

Department of Sports will provide financial assistance as well as overall guidance, supervision and monitoring. Implementation will be through SAI and involve State Governments as well as reputed athletes and private bodies. International experts shall also be engaged for project implementation.
