

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2090
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

Identification of Talented Sportspersons

†2090. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

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

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for identification of talented sportspersons from the backward areas in the country;

(b) the details of talented sportspersons selected as a result thereof from the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the achievements of sportspersons selected from backward areas at national or international level till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS
AND SPORTS

(COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.))

(a) The Ministry is implementing the Khelo India Scheme which inter-alia has a vertical of "Annual Sports Competitions" include which Khelo India School Games and Khelo India University Games. The Scheme also has a vertical of "Talent Identification and Development". Under this vertical, talented sports persons will be identified in priority sports disciplines at various levels through different avenues, including competitions, and out of them 1000 best talents will be

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. The vertical caters to sports persons from the entire country, including backward areas.

In addition to promote sports in the country, through Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions :

- 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)

Presently under SAI Schemes 14912 talented sports persons (10481 boys and 4431 girls) are provided with regular sports training in 27 sports disciplines on residential and non residential basis in 287 SAI sports centres.

The majority of the sports persons identified under SAI Sports Promotional Schemes belong to the rural, tribal, backward, coastal and inaccessible hilly areas of the country and are provided with training facilities in the form of expert sports coaches, requisite playing facilities, boarding & lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/insurance and stipend as per the scheme approved norms.

Further, this Ministry through Sports Authority of India (SAI) has launched the National Sports Talent Search Portal (NSTSP) on 28.08.2017 where players, both boys and girls belonging to various sports disciplines can register themselves and upload their performance/achievements in different sports events through an online application process. The portal will also act as one of the avenues for identification of sporting talent.

The details of the schemes mentioned above are given in Annexure -I.

(b) & (c): The details of SAI Schemes Trainees in the State of Uttar Pradesh including other backward areas performance of last three years & current year are given at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2090 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/03/2018 REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF TALENTED SPORTSPERSONS ASKED BY SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER, MP:

The Special Area Game Scheme of SAI specifically scouts talented sports persons who belong to the tribal, coastal, backward and the remote hilly region of the country. Currently there are 20 SAG Centres where 2167 trainees (1189 girls and 978 boys) are being trained and provided with expert sports coaches, playing facilities, consumable and non consumable sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical and insurance and stipend for day boarders as per the approved scheme norms. The SAI Training Centre (STC) Scheme which is implemented in partnership with the State Govt., where a State Govt. provides the sports infrastructure to SAI and SAI selects talented sportsperson (majority of them from rural areas) in the age group of 10-18 years from the region and nurtures them by providing regular scientific training in 27 sports disciplines on Resi. & Non-Resi. basis. Presently under the scheme 6867 trainees (Boys 4804 & Girls 2068) are being trained in 59 Centres across the country.

Similarly, the Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme which is a joint venture with Indian Army also scouts talent from the rural and tribal areas falling under various regimental centres where the BSCs are located. The trainees in the age group of 8-14 years are admitted in ABSC centres for regular sports training and most of them on having found to be medically fit are enrolled in the Army on attaining the age of $17\frac{1}{2}$ years. Presently, 1591 boys are being trained under ABSC Scheme of SAI.

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2090 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/03/2018 REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF TALENTED SPORTSPERSONS ASKED BY SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER, MP:

DETAILS OF MEDALS WON BY SAI SCHEMES TRAINEES DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS & THE CURRENT YEAR.

S.N.		2014-2015			2015-2016			2016-2017			2017-2018		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	National	18	16	21	2	2	3	14	10	23	0	0	1
2	International	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	01	0	0	2
	TOTAL:	20	17	23	2	2	3	14	10	24	0	0	3

DETAILS OF MEDALS WON BY SAI SCHEMES TRAINEES DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS & THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE BACKWARD AREAS.

S.N.		2014-2015			2015-2016			2016-2017			2017-2018		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	National	600	412	512	491	352	407	438	397	434	600	412	512
2	International	34	26	50	43	40	40	81	41	34	34	26	50
