

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6296
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2018**

Promotion of Sports in Schools and Colleges

6296. DR. P.K. BIJU:

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

(a) whether the Government has any scheme for promotion of sports in schools and colleges in the country particularly in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the activities undertaken thereunder along with the number of sporting events organised in schools and colleges during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT wise particularly in Kerala; and

(d) the details of funds allocated and spent for the purpose during the said period?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Sports is a State subject and promotion of sports in the country, including promotion of Sports in schools and colleges in the States is primarily the responsibility of the State Government and the National Sports Federations (NSFs) concerned. The Central Government

complements/supplements the efforts of the State Governments and the NSFs.

However, the Khelo India Scheme being implemented by this Ministry has verticals that provide for promotion of sports in schools and colleges in the country including the State of Kerala. Brief objectives of these verticals are given in Annexure – I. Besides, the Khelo India Scheme caters to the entire population, including students of schools and colleges.

The Government has also recognized the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) as a NSF for promotion and development of sports at school level and Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Society and Subroto Mukherjee Sports and Education Society (SMSES) as National Sports Promotion Organisations (NSPOs) for promotion of Hockey and Football respectively among school children. In addition, the Government has also recognized Association of Indian University (AIU) for development and promotion of Sports at college and University level.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, is implementing a number of sports promotional schemes across the country, including the State of Kerala, to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions. Many of the beneficiaries of these Schemes are students of schools and colleges. List of Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI are given as under :

- 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)**

“National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)” Scheme and “Extension Centres of STC/ SAG” Scheme specifically cater to development of sports in schools and colleges.

This Ministry does not maintain records of number of sporting events organized in schools and colleges.

Details of fund allocated and spent under the various SAI Schemes are given in Annexure – II.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6296 FOR 05.04.2018 ASKED BY DR. P.K. BIJU, MP, REGARDING PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Annexure – I

Brief objectives of these verticals of the Khelo India Scheme related to promotion of Sports in Schools and Universities/Colleges

- (i) **‘Play Field Development’** :- This vertical aims to put in place a strong institutionalized mechanism for preserving, protecting, developing and promoting playfields, by providing financial assistance to States/UTs to set up District and State level Playing Fields Associations, creating a National inventory of playfields and sports infrastructure. Development of playgrounds in all gram panchayats can be taken up in convergence with the scheme of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and any other scheme(s) of the State Government/Central Government.
- (ii) **‘Utilization and Creation of Sports Infrastructure’** :- This vertical provides for grant of financial assistance for filling the critical gaps in sports infrastructure of the country to various entities including schools, colleges and Universities under the Central and State Governments and setting up of University Centres of Excellence in Sports.
- (iii) **‘Annual Sports competition’** : - This vertical provides for conduct of annual sports competitions at school and university levels for providing platform for school and college students to showcase sporting skills and serve as avenue for talent spotting.
- (iv) **‘Talent Search and Development’** : - Under this vertical annual financial assistance of Rs.5.00 lakh is to be provided to about 1000 talented athletes identified in priority sports disciplines through various avenues, including school and university level competitions.
- (v) **‘Physical Fitness of School going Children’**:- This vertical provides for measuring the physical fitness of school going children and implementing a component of enhancing their physical fitness.

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Annexure – II

Details of fund allocated and spent under the various SAI Schemes

| Statement showing grants released (allocated) and expenditure under North Eastern Region (NER) | | | | | | | | |
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| | 2014-15 | | 2015-16 | | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | |
| Name of the Scheme | Allocation | Expenditure | Allocation | Expenditure | Allocation | Expenditure | Allocation | Expenditure* |
| National Sports Talent Contest | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.18 | 0.15 | 0.03 |
| Army Boys Sports Companies | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| Special Area Games | 6.60 | 6.81 | 6.50 | 8.26 | 7.00 | 8.96 | 6.20 | 6.58 |
| SAI Training Centres | 4.00 | 4.07 | 5.00 | 4.80 | 4.40 | 5.12 | 7.20 | 3.45 |
| Centres of Excellence | 0.33 | 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.44 | 0.50 | 0.71 | 0.45 | 0.43 |
| Total | 11.05 | 11.36 | 12.00 | 13.58 | 12.00 | 14.97 | 15.00 | 10.49 |

| Statement showing grants released (allocated) and expenditure under other than NER | | | | | | | | |
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| | 2014-15 | | 2015-16 | | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | |
| Name of the Scheme | Allocation | Expenditure | Allocation | Expenditure | Allocation | Expenditure | Allocation | Expenditure* |
| National Sports Talent Contest | 1.00 | 0.41 | 1.00 | 0.90 | 0.65 | 0.74 | 1.00 | 0.36 |
| Army Boys Sports Companies | 9.25 | 10.75 | 8.00 | 6.50 | 6.00 | 14.78 | 10.00 | 11.62 |
| Special Area Games | 7.00 | 4.58 | 8.00 | 6.63 | 5.75 | 8.69 | 8.00 | 7.12 |
| SAI Training Centres | 33.00 | 28.3 | 47.00 | 36.53 | 31.60 | 49.43 | 52.00 | 44.93 |
| Centres of Excellence | 2.50 | 2.24 | 1.00 | 2.30 | 4.00 | 2.94 | 4.00 | 2.03 |
| Total | 52.75 | 46.28 | 65.00 | 52.86 | 48.00 | 76.58 | 75.00 | 66.06 |

*Upto January, 2018
