

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2623
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018**

Sports Training to Students

2623. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

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

(a) whether the students get training of international standards at school/college level for various sports activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of annual allocation of funds for the purpose?

ANSWER

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

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 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.

The indicative, estimated expenditure for the vertical Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 is Rs.60 crore each year.

The Khelo India Scheme being implemented by this Ministry has verticals that also provide for promotion of sports in schools and colleges in the country.

The indicative, estimated expenditure for the vertical State Level Khelo India Centres for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 is Rs. 50 crore and Rs. 75 crore respectively.
