

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018**

Sports Authority of India

2646. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

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

- (a) the details of sports centres under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) functioning in the country at present;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up SAI training centres/sports centres at various parts of the country including at Rajahmundry or Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether there is any scheme aimed at grooming female sportspersons; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

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- (a) Details of Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres functioning at present across the country are as under:**

Sl No.	Name of the Schemes	No. of Centres
1	National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)	
i)	Regular Schools	11
ii)	Indigenous Games and Martial Arts (IGMA)	10
iii)	Akharas	44
2	Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC)	27
3	SAI Training Centre(s) (STCs)	59
4	Special Area Games (SAG)	20
5	Ext. Centre of STC/SAG	90
6	Centre of Excellence	15
7	SAI National Sports Academies (NSA)	15
	Total	291

(b) & (c): No new centre is proposed to be established across the country at this stage including at Rajamundry or Amaravati in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and SAI Regional Centre, Bangalore is working out a plan to relocate its existing sports centres having inadequate sports infrastructure or to consider fresh proposals for establishment of sports training centre in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) & (e): The Sports Promotional Schemes implemented by SAI is gender neutral and pay equal importance to identify and nurture talented sportspersons including female without any gender discrimination.

However, SAI has established 3 exclusive SAI Training Centres for female sportspersons at Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh), Badal (Punjab) & Medikeri (Karnataka) to promote sports facilities to female sportspersons.

Further, Khelo India scheme has a dedicated vertical namely, Sports for Women which provides for conducting annual national competitions for women.
