

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3826
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018**

Setting up of Sports Academy

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Sports Academy at various locations in the country in order to promote and develop sports talent and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any proposals regarding setting up such Academy in various States are pending with the Union Government and if so, the details and the present status thereof, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government provides funds to the State Governments to establish Sports Academy in their respective States/UTs;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;**
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for promotion of sports in the rural areas and whether any Government or Non-Government institutions have been entrusted with the said responsibility; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): Department of Sports through Sports Authority of India (SAI) has already setup 10 National Sports Academies, 2 Regional Academies and 10 New Sports Academies in the country. Further, under the Khelo India Scheme, 22 SAI Academies and 20 State/private Academies have been accredited.

(c) No fund has been allocated directly to State/UTs for setting up academies.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) & (f): Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports through Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the various sports promotional schemes namely 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) and National Sports Academies (NSA) 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 sports persons identified under SAI Sports Promotional Schemes belong to the rural, backward & tribal areas of the country and are provided with regular training on Residential and Non-Residential basis as per the approved norms.

Also, a Central Sector Scheme, namely, Khelo India is being implemented for development of sports / games in the entire country including rural, tribal and hilly areas of the country since two years. The verticals of the scheme are Play Field Development, Utilisation and Creation/ Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure, Sports for Peace and Development, State Level Khelo India Centres, Annual Sports Competitions, Talent Search and Development, Sports for Women, Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies ,Promotion of

Sports among persons with disabilities, Community Coaching Development and Physical Fitness of School going Children.

The scheme, inter-alia, includes a dedicated vertical of “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games” which is being implemented through SAI for promotion of sports in the rural areas.

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