

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3179
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019**

Adventure Sports

+ 3179. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of Adventure sports popular in the world at present;**
- (b) whether any adventure sport is popular in India;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) if not, whether there is any proposal to start adventure sports in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to develop any adventure sports in hilly region of Netarhat of the State of Jharkhand; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI KIREN RIJITU)**

(a) Adventure sports or extreme sports are activities undertaken through the medium of Land, Water and Air and perceived as involving a high degree of risk. These activities often involve speed, height, a high level of physical exertion and highly specialized gear. Details of adventure sports popular in the world are:

(i) Land Based: Mountaineering, Trekking, Rock Climbing, Sport Climbing, Camping, Snow Skiing, Mountain Biking and Zipline.

(ii) Air Based: Paragliding, Powered Hang gliding, Parasailing, Sky Diving/Parachuting and Hot Air Ballooning.

(iii) Water Based: White Water: Rafting, Kayaking and Canoeing. Still water (Pond/Lakes): Canoeing, Water/Jet Skiing, Kayaking, Sailing and Rowing.

Sea/Oceans: Windsurfing, Sailing, Yachting, Scuba Diving and Deep Sea Diving.

(b) Following adventure sports are popular in India

(i) Land Based: Mountaineering, Trekking, Rock Climbing, Sport Climbing, Snow Skiing and Mountain Biking.

(ii) Air Based: Paragliding, Parasailing and Sky Diving/Parachuting.

(iii) Water based: White Water: Rafting, Kayaking and Canoeing. Still water (Pond/Lakes): Water/Jet Skiing, Kayaking, Sailing and Rowing.

Sea/Oceans: Windsurfing, Sailing and Scuba Diving.

(c & d) Details of locations where popular adventure sports are conducted are as under:

- (i) Mountaineering: Himalayan States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh**
- (ii) Trekking: All the Himalayan States, North East Region, Sahyadris and Western Ghats.**
- (iii) Rock Climbing: All across the Country.**
- (iv) Sport Climbing: More than 150 walls established across the country. Very popular among States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, Sikkim, Manipur and Delhi.**
- (v) Snow Skiing: Gulmarg in Jammu & Kashmir, Solang valley- Manali and Narkanda in Himachal Pradesh and Auli in Uttarakhand.**

- (vi) Paragliding: Bir Billing, Manali and Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh, Pune and Nashik in Maharashtra, Vagamon in Kerala, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.**
- (vii) White water Rafting and Kayaking: Rishikesh in Uttarakhand, Manali in Himachal Pradesh, Zaskar in Ladakh, Teesta river in West Bengal.**
- (viii) Scuba Diving: Goa, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep Island, Mangalore and Pondicherry.**

The Government of India, in order to promote adventure activities regularly provides financial assistance to organizations such as Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF), National Adventure Foundation (NAF), Sea Explorer's Institute under the National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Programme (NPYAD) Scheme to conduct adventure activities including training, awareness camps, seminars, workshops, film/slide shows, exhibition etc. In addition the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, West Bengal and the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports, Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir are the other national level institutions which receive regular share grants under the scheme for promotion of adventure. The Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) is recognized by the Government of India as the apex body to oversee mountaineering activities in the country and to control the expeditions in the mountain peaks within the geographical territory of the country in consultation with Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs.

(e & f) At present, no proposal for development of any adventure sports in hilly region of Netarhat of the State of Jharkhand has been received from the State Government of Jharkhand.
