

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1073
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2022**

National Sports Talent Search Scheme

1073. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to sportspersons across the country under the National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS);**
- (b) if so, the details and the number of youths selected thereunder in Assam, district-wise; and**
- (c) the details of eligibility criteria and procedure applied/defined to be applied under the scheme?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a) to (c) There is no such scheme, namely the National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS), under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. However, the Ministry implements another Sports promotional scheme viz. the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) through the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to scout sports talent in the age group of 8-14 years from schools and nurture them into future medal hopes by providing scientific training.

Under the Scheme, schools having good sports infrastructure and record of creditable sports performances are adopted by SAI. The Scheme enables the budding sportspersons to study and play in the same school. In addition to the main scheme of NSTC (launched in 1985) wherein regular schools are adopted, a few distinct sub-schemes were launched to further reach out to sports talent in India, including indigenous sports and games. These sub-schemes of NSTC include:

- (i) Regular Schools;**
- (ii) Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA);**
- (iii) Akharas.**

Selection Criteria for induction under NSTC Scheme:

- a. Talents, who are medal winners in State/National Level Competitions are admitted into the scheme, subject, to their being found medically fit.**
- b. Talents who are medal winners at District Level Competition or have participation in State Level Competitions are admitted subject to their being found fit medically and physically.**
- c. The scouting of the talent in indigenous games is done on the basis of open competitions among participants. Selection is done by a selection committee consisting of representatives of SAI, Institutions, SAI coaches, guru/mentor of the concerned game. The sportspersons identified on this basis are offered admission after age verification, medical examination, etc.**

The details pertaining to the State of Assam in respect of the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1073 FOR 13.12.2022 ASKED BY SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS, HON'BLE MP, REGARDING "NATIONAL SPORTS TALENT SEARCH SCHEME"

**DETAILS OF NSTC SCHEMES - REGULAR SCHOOLS, IGMA & AKHARAS
IN THE STATE OF ASSAM (2022-2023)**

NATIONAL SPORTS TALENT CONTEST (NSTC)

S. N.	States/Centre	Disciplines	Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
	Assam							
1	Don Bosco HS, Guwahati	Basketball	0	0	0	1	9	10
		Swimming	0	0	0	9	0	9
		Table Tennis	0	0	0	7	1	8
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	17	10	27

Indigenous Games & Martial Arts

	Assam		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Martial Authority of Assam Tengapara, Kokrajhar	Khomlainai	0	0	0	9	11	20
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	9	11	20

Adopted Akharas

	Assam		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Langhin Tinali Sports Asso., Langhin, Distt. Karbi Anglong	Wrestling	0	0	0	17	30	47
		TOTAL:	0	0	0	17	30	47

SUMMARY

SN	Scheme (s)	No. of Centres	Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	NSTC Schemes							
i)	Regular Schools	01	0	0	0	17	10	27
ii)	IGMA	01	0	0	0	9	11	20
iii)	Akharas	01	0	0	0	17	30	47
	TOTAL:	3	0	0	0	43	51	94
