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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Sports Universities in various States in the country including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(c) whether the Government has received requests from people’s representatives in this regard;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
{SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR}

(a) & (b) The National Sports University (NSU) was set up in 2018 at Imphal in Manipur through the National Sports University Act, 2018 to cater to students and athletes from all States/UTs of the country, including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Presently, there is no proposal under the consideration of
Government of India for establishing National Sports University in any other State of the country.

(c) to (e) Yes Sir. However, as the National Sports University at Imphal, Manipur caters to students and athletes of all States/UTs, it is felt that there is no need for setting up another National Sports University in the country. ‘Sports’ being a State Subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country, including sports education, rests primarily with the respective State/UT Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps.

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