

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4257
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2020**

Sports Facilities

4257. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

(a) the details of proposals for new constructions/ upgradation of sports facilities in North Bengal, particularly in the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur;

(b) whether the Government is aware that despite having produced many national and international athletes, entire North Bengal is deprived of even a single stadium with world-class facilities;

(c) the details of the programmes being run by the Government in the Districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur to support and promote sporting talents at the grassroots; and

(d) the details of the data for the programmes implemented and the number of youths benefitted from these programmes?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ SHRI KIREN RIJIJU }**

(a) and (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility for providing sports infrastructure, including constructions/ upgradation of sports facilities and stadium with world-class facilities, rests with the State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts. There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry for new constructions/ upgradation of sports facilities in North Bengal, including the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur. Further, this Ministry does not have scheme to build stadium.

(c) and (d) To promote sporting talent at the grassroots level, Sports Authority of India (SAI) has two Extension Centres at Kalimpong & Darjeeling. 41 talented sportspersons (19 Boys & 22 Girls) are being trained in these centres. Further, under the 'Talent Search and Development' vertical of Khelo India Scheme, 119 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) (54 Boys & 65 Girls) have been selected from the State of West Bengal.
