

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2856
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2021**

International Standard Stadium in Siliguri

2856. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the demand for an international standard Football/Cricket/Athletics stadium in Siliguri;**
- (b) the details of financial assistance and aids provided by the Government in the Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts of North Bengal; and**
- (c) whether the Government is considering proposals for providing Government training facilities in North Bengal region as most players cannot afford travel and accommodation cost outside the region?**

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

(a) to (c) "Sports" being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including creation of sports infrastructure such as international standard football/cricket/athletics stadium and setting up of training facilities, primarily rests with the State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts in this regard. No such proposal has been received in this Ministry for an international standard football/cricket/athletics stadium in Siliguri. Funds are provided Scheme-wise, not State/district-wise. However, under the 'Utilisation and creation/upgradation of sports infrastructure' vertical of the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry has sanctioned one project in the State of West Bengal for construction of 300 bedded hostel at Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal in the year 2019 at a cost of ₹ 26.77 crore, out of which ₹ 8.03 crore have already been released. Further, there are 02 SAI Training Centres (STCs) at Lebong and Jalpaiguri and 02 Extension Centers of STCs at Darjeeling providing training facilities to sportspersons in North Bengal region.
