

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 234
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2026**

Coaches and Athletes in SAI Centres

**234. SHRI PUSHPENDRA SAROJ:
ADV PRIYA SAROJ:**

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

(a) the details of number of coaches currently appointed under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) across all its centres in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of number of vacancies of coaches presently existing under SAI along with the number of coaches expected to retire in the next two to three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of number of athletes enrolled in all the SAI centres in the country, year and State/UT-wise particularly district-wise in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the details of the plans and measures being undertaken by the Government to increase the number of qualified coaches and athletes to ensure adequate coaching support across various disciplines and training centres in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
[DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]**

(a) As of date, there are a total of 788 coaches, comprising 387 regular coaches and 401 coaches on contract or deputation. The details are provided at Annexure – I.

(b) The details of number of vacancies of coaches presently existing under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are provided at Annexure – II.

Further, the Coaching Cadre is based on all India transfer posting basis. However, as per present deployment, the details of the coaches going to retire in next 3 years are provided at Annexure – III.

(c) The details of number of athletes enrolled in all the SAI Centres in the country is provided at Annexure-IV. The details of number of athletes in the State of Uttar Pradesh district wise are provided at Annexure-V.

(d) “Sports” being a State subject, promotion of sports in a State/UT is the responsibility of the respective State/UT Governments. However, to support the efforts of State Governments, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing the following Sports Promotional Schemes across the country through SAI to identify talented sportspersons in the various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels:

- National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs)**
- SAI Training Centers (STCs)**
- Extension Centre of STC**
- National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
(its Sub-Schemes – Akharas, IGMA)**

These athletes are provided financial support in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, scientific support, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

These measures are intended to increase the participation of athletes across various sports disciplines.

Apart from above, in Coaching Cadre, SAI has a sanctioned strength of 1,524 posts, out of which 788 are presently in position. Further, 323 posts in the grade of Assistant Coach have been notified for recruitment through the Direct Recruitment mode.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 234 FOR 02.02.2026 ASKED BY SHRI PUSHPENDRA SAROJ AND ADV PRIYA SAROJ REGARDING 'COACHES AND ATHLETES IN SAI CENTRES'.

No. of Coaches State Wise as on date	
Name of State/UT	No. of Coaches
Andaman & Nicobar	10
Andhra Pradesh	11
Arunachal Pradesh	13
Assam	38
Bihar	3
Chhattisgarh	6
Daman and Diu	0
Delhi	91
Goa	4
Gujarat	25
Haryana	80
Himachal	20
Jammu & Kashmir	7
Jharkhand	10
Karnataka	55
Kerala	49
Ladakh	3
Lakshadweep	2
Madhya Pradesh	42
Maharashtra	42
Manipur	38
Meghalaya	10
Mizoram	7
Nagaland	3
Odisha	17
Puducherry	8
Punjab	56
Rajasthan	11
Shillong	1

Sikkim	4
Tamilnadu	14
Telangana	11
Tripura	3
Uttar Pradesh	48
Uttarakhand	5
West Bengal	41
Grand Total	788

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 234 FOR 02.02.2026 ASKED BY SHRI PUSHPENDRA SAROJ AND ADV PRIYA SAROJ REGARDING 'COACHES AND ATHLETES IN SAI CENTRES'.

Details of Number of Vacancies in Coaching Cadre				
S.N.	Grade	Sanctioned Strength	In Position	Vacancy Position*
1	HPC	50	8	42
2	Chief Coach	100	52	48
3	Senior Coach	200	115	85
4	Coach	400	306	94
5	Assistant Coach	774	307	467
6	Total	1524	788	736

***323 posts in the grade of Assistant Coach have been notified for recruitment through the Direct Recruitment mode.**

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State-wise Details of Coaches Retiring in the Next Three Years	
Name of State/UT	No. of Coaches
Andhra Pradesh	2
Assam	2
Chhattisgarh	1
Delhi	6
Goa	1
Haryana	1
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Jharkhand	4
Karnataka	1
Kerala	2
Madhya Pradesh	4
Maharashtra	1
Manipur	2
Mizoram	1
Punjab	7
Rajasthan	2
Tamil Nadu	2
Telangana	1
Uttar Pradesh	2
West Bengal	8
Grand Total	51

ANNEXURE-IV

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 234 FOR 02.02.2026 ASKED BY SHRI PUSHPENDRA SAROJ AND ADV PRIYA SAROJ REGARDING 'COACHES AND ATHLETES IN SAI CENTRES'.

**NUMBER OF SAI CENTERS AND STRENGTH OF ATHLETES 2025-2026
NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (NCOEs)**

SN	Region/ Centre Name	Total Athlete
1	Arunachal Pradesh	
(i)	Itanagar	254
2	Assam	
(i)	Guwahati	179
3	Delhi (UT)	
(i)	I.G. Stadium	180
(ii)	MDCN Stadium	64
(iii)	Dr. SPM Swimming Pool Complex	20
(iv)	Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range	111
4	Gujarat	
(i)	Gandhinagar	276
(ii)	Naranpura	82
5	Kerala	
(i)	Alleppey	122
(ii)	Trivandrum	227
6	Haryana	
(i)	Rohtak	165
(ii)	Sonepat	303
7	Himachal Pradesh	
(i)	Dharamshala	54
(ii)	Hamirpur	126
8	Karnataka	
(i)	Bangalore	222
9	Madhya Pradesh	
(i)	Bhopal	291
10	Maharashtra	
(i)	Kandivali	86

SN	Region/ Centre Name	Total Athlete
(ii)	Aurangabad	215
11	Manipur	
(i)	Imphal	219
12	Odisha	
(i)	Jagatpur	104
13	Punjab	
(i)	Patiala	226
14	Uttar Pradesh	
(i)	Lucknow	209
15	West Bengal	
(i)	Kolkata	196
(ii)	Cooch Behar	0

SAI TRAINING CENTERS (STC) SCHEME

SN	Region/ State/ Centre Name	Total Athlete
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	
(i)	Port Blair	100
(ii)	Car Nicobar	87
2	Andhra Pradesh	
(i)	Eluru	49
(ii)	Kurnool	40
(iii)	Visakhapatnam	85
3	Arunachal Pradesh	
(i)	Naharlagun	105
4	Assam	
(i)	Golaghat	61
(ii)	Tinsukia	52
(iii)	Kokrajhar	210
(iv)	Solalgoan	102
5	Bihar	
(i)	Patna	30
6	Chhattisgarh	
(i)	Raipur	58
(ii)	Rajnandgaon	80
7	Delhi (UT)	
(i)	Bawana	44
8	Goa	
(i)	Ponda	27

(ii)	Peddem	40
9	Haryana	
(i)	Bhiwani	74
(ii)	Hisar	229
(iii)	Kurukshetra	66
10	Himachal Pradesh	
(i)	Bilaspur	62
11	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	
(i)	Jammu	86
12	Jharkhand	
(i)	Hazaribagh	81
(ii)	Ranchi	95
13	Karnataka	
(i)	Dharwad	52
(ii)	Madikeri	50
(iii)	Bangalore	56
14	Kerala	
(i)	Trichur	47
(ii)	Kollam	101
(iii)	Calicut	39
(iv)	Tellicherry	92
15	Ladakh (UT)	
(ii)	Kargil	40
16	Lakshadweep (UT)	
(i)	Androth	94
17	Madhya Pradesh	
(i)	Dhar	75
(ii)	Jabalpur	65
(iii)	Tikamgarh	22
18	Manipur	
(i)	Imphal	129
(ii)	Utlou	94
19	Meghalaya	
(i)	Shillong	149
20	Mizoram	
(i)	Aizwal	139
21	Nagaland	
(i)	Dimapur	62
22	Odisha	
(i)	Cuttack	41

(ii)	Sundergarh	65
23	Puducherry (UT)	
(i)	Puducherry	77
(ii)	Yanam	33
24	Punjab	
(i)	Mustuana Sahib	35
(ii)	Badal	65
(iii)	Ludhiana	55
25	Rajasthan	
(i)	Alwar	36
(ii)	Jaipur	33
(iii)	Jodhpur	41
26	Sikkim	
(i)	Namchi	73
27	Tamil Nadu	
(i)	Chennai	66
(ii)	Salem	37
(iii)	Mayiladuthurai	108
28	Telangana	
(i)	Hyderabad	125
29	Tripura	
(i)	Agartala	53
30	Uttar Pradesh	
(i)	Raibareilly	32
(ii)	Safai Etawah	42
(iii)	Bareilly	62
(iv)	Varanasi	104
31	Uttrakhand	
(i)	Kashipur	85
32	West Bengal	
(i)	Lebong	12
(ii)	Bolpur	28
(iii)	Jalpaiguri	99

EXTENSION CENTRE OF STC

SN	Name of the Schools /Colleges / Others	Total Athlete
1	Assam	
(i)	Dibrugarh Judo Association, Dibrugarh	09
(ii)	Table Tennis Academy at Jorhat	19
(iii)	Dakha Devi Rasiwasia College, Chabua	06
2	Jammu & Kashmir	
(i)	Water Sports, Nehru Park, Dal Lake, Srinagar	18
3	Madhya Pradesh	
(i)	Ext. Centre Khandwa	35
(ii)	Govt. Boys MP Hr. Sec. School, Indore	26
4	Odisha	
(i)	Hindustan Aeronautic Limited (HAL), Koraput	25
5	Rajasthan	
(i)	University of Rajasthan, Jaipur	20
(ii)	Mayo College, Ajmer	35
6	Uttar Pradesh	
(i)	Gurukul Archery Academy, Tikri, Meerut	0

INDIGENOUS GAMES AND MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOLS (IGMA)

SN	Name of the Schools	Total
1	Assam	
(i)	Martial Authority of Assam Tengapara, Kokrajhar	0
2	Jharkhand	
(i)	Swami Shardhanand DAV Centenary Public School, Khunti	0
3	Maharashtra	
(i)	Dharamaveer Sambhaji Hr. Sec. School, Sambhajinagar	0
4	Manipur	
(i)	The Sofia English School, Wangmataba, Thoubal	25
(ii)	Panthoibi Jagoi Sindam Academy, Shanglen	20
5	Punjab	
(i)	International Fateh Academy, Jandiala, Guru, Amritsar	20
6	Kerala	
(i)	Vyasa Vidya Peetham Kallekkad (PO) Palakkad Distt.	20
7	Tamilnadu	
(i)	Sri Vivekananda Vidyalayam, Kandha Podikara, Ambur	20
(ii)	Govt. Girls Higher Sec. School, Thanjavur	20

ADOPTED AKHARAS

SN	Name of the Schools & Colleges	Total Athlete
	Maharashtra	
1	Govt. Wrestling Centre, Kohlapur	30
2	Gulsachi Talim Akhara, Pune	30
3	Har Har Mahadev, Maroti Nagar, Dhule	30
4	Jai Shiv Ray Education Society, Kolhapur	30
5	Jog Maharaj Vyayamshala, Pune.	30
6	Kishanveer Akhara, Bhuij, Satara	30
7	Krida Vikas Vyayammandal, Sangli	30
8	MN Deshmukh Arts Science College, Ahemadnagar	30
9	Kolhapur Zilla Rashtriya Talim Kendra, Kohlapur	29

SN	Name of the Schools & Colleges	Total Athlete
10	N. L. Balkwade Vyamshala, 102 Tilakpath, Nasik	30
11	Rangnath Markad Krida & Yuvak Mandal, Pune	30
12	Veer Hanuman Kala Krida, Sangli	30
13	Vishwatmak Jangli Maharaj Wrestling Centre, Ahamadnagar	30
14	Mamasaheb Mohol Kusti Akhara, Katraj, Pune	0
	TOTAL:	389
	Rajasthan	
15	Luv Kush Akhara, Bhilwara	27
	Haryana	
16	Lala Diwanchand Modern Wrestling Centre, Jhajjar	24
17	Ch. Bharat Singh Memorial Sports School, Nidani	26
18	Capt. Ram Karan Vyayamshala, Sec-37, Rohtak	23
19	Shaheed Bhagat Singh Akhara, Mirchpur	17
20	Vikas Phelwan Vyayamshala, Jalebi Road, Rohtak	0
	Total	90
	Delhi	
21	Chandroop Akhara, Azadpur, New Delhi	19
22	Chandgi Ram Vyamshala, Civil Line, Delhi	22
23	Guru Dron Mann Academy, Village Bakoli, Delhi	14
24	Guru Hanuman Akhara, Shakti Nagar, Delhi	27
25	Maharishi Dayanand Akhara, Najafgarh, New Delhi	23
26	Sonkar Vyayamshala, Gurmandi, Delhi	15
27	Swami Bhumanand Kushti Acad., Narela, Delhi	11
	TOTAL:	131
	Punjab	
28	Baba Sheikh Farid Kusti Akhara, Faridkot	25
29	Padam Shree Kartar Singh Akhara, Amritsar	25
	TOTAL:	50
	Madhya Pradesh	
30	Shri Achyutanand Guru Vyayamshala, Ujjain	20
31	Shri Binda Guru Akhara, Indore	20
32	Deshwali Samaj Akhara, Ujjain	20
	TOTAL:	60
	Uttar Pradesh	
33	Guru Gaya Seth, Varansi	0
34	Choudhary Mahaveer Singh, Loni Ghaziabad	30

SN	Name of the Schools & Colleges	Total Athlete
35	Meghu Pehalwan Vyayamshala, Varanasi	0
36	Satayanarayan Singh Khel Vikas Sansthan, Mirzapur	0
37	Bachan Singh, Muzaffarnagar	30
38	Arya Vyayamshala, Chhaproli, Baghpat	29
39	Rastriya College, Shahpur, Muzaffarnagar	27
	TOTAL:	116
	Assam	
40	Langhin Tinali Sports Asso., Langhin, Anglong	14

ANNEXURE-V

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DETAILS OF SAI SCHEMES IN THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH DURING THE YEARS 2025-26

SN	Name of the Scheme(s)	Total Athlete
National Centre of Excellence (NCOEs)		
1	Lucknow	209
SAI Training Centers (STC)		
1	Raibareilly	32
2	Safai Etawah	42
3	Bareilly	62
4	Varanasi	104
Adopted Akharas in Uttar Pradesh		
1	Arya Vyayamshala, Chhaproli, Baghpat	29
2	Bachan Singh, Muzaffarnagar	30
3	Choudhary Mahaveer Singh, Loni Ghaziabad	30
4	Rastriya College, Shahpur, Muzaffarnagar	27
	Total	565
