

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*227
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2015**

Sports Academies For Young Players

†*227. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up sports academies in various parts of the country at junior and sub-junior levels and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to identify the hidden talent of boys/girls in various sports/games in the country; and**
- (c) if so, the details of funds given to the States/UTs during the current year for the purpose?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. †*227 FOR 15.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE, MP REGARDING SPORTS ACADEMIES FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

(a) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports proposes to set up sports academies at national level which is at planning stage. However, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) is running National sports academies in different areas of the country. Such academies are also meant for sub-junior and junior levels. Details of the National Sports Academies run by the SAI are given at Annexure – I.

(b) For Sports talent scouting at national level, a team of Sports Authority of India (SAI) coaches of concerned sports disciplines along with the concerned scientific officers/ staff is deputed to the venue of the National Level Rural Competitions under the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) for identification of talented children/ medal winner on the spot and for making specific recommendations to SAI head office for considering the selected players, subject to available vacancies, in the concerned regions of SAI.

Further, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has formulated and issued National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) for identification of sporting talent among students in the age group of 8–12 years who possess inborn qualities such as anthropometric, physical and physiological capabilities without any anatomical infirmities.

In addition, the SAI also conducts sports talent identification through its various sports promotional schemes.

(c) Talent identification under the RGKA is part of the annual National Rural Sports Competitions and no separate funds are given to the States/UTs for the purpose. The details of funds released to States/UTs and SAI for conduct of National level Rural Sports Competitions, including on the spot identification of talented children/ medal winners, under the RGKA during the current year is given at Annexure – II.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA
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Annexure – I

Details of National Sports Academies run by the Sports Authority of India

S. No.	Sports Discipline	Location
1.	Cycling Academy	Cycling Velodrome of Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi
2.	Swimming Academy	Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Swimming Pool Complex, Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi
3.	Athletics Academy (Sprints and Jumps)	Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Thiruvananthapuram
4.	Athletics Academy (Middle Distance)	Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centre, Bhopal
5.	Golf Academy	Thiruvananthapuram

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Annexure – II

**Details of funds released to States/UTs and SAI for conduct of National Level Rural Sports
Competitions under RGKA during the current year (2015-16)**

S. No.	Name of the State/ Organization	Group allotted along with discipline	Amount Sanctioned (in Rs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Group I (Athletics, Takewondo & Volleyball)	46,18,000/-
2.	SAI, Western Region Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Group II (Kabaddi and Kho-Kho)	29,13,968/-
3.	LNCPE, Kerala	Group III (Football, Judo & Weightlifting)	42,93,000/-
4.	Tamil Nadu	Group V (Boxing, Badminton and Table Tennis)	35,26,000/-
Total			1,53,50,968/-