

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2840
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2016**

Staff Shortage in SAI

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of staff in the Sports Authority of India, if so, the number of actual strength and sanctioned strength in various sports hostels, sports centres etc. across the country;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any step to fulfil the posts lying vacant, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The details of actual strength vis-a-vis Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) assessed strength in SAI is as under:-

SN	Category	Staff Inspection Unit(SIU) assessed strength	Present working strength	Remarks
1	Group A	171	125	46 vacancies.
2	Group B	81	118	Nil vacancy. After 6th CPC, posts like Assistant, Sr. PA etc. have been converted from Group C to Group B category.
3	Group C	525		124 vacancies.

4	Group D	959	1360	
Total		1736	1603	

Since the lifting of ban (imposed in 1996) on direct recruitment, following recruitments have been made in SAI after 2009:-

- **Recruitment to 41 Group-C posts (32 Junior Accountants & 09 LDCs) in the year 2012;**
- **Recruitment to 05 Group-A posts (Asstt. Directors) in the year 2012 ; and**
- **Recruitment to 15 Group-A posts (Jr. Scientific Officers) & 01 Group-C post (Library Asstt.) in the year 2015.**

As far as strength of Coaches in Sports Authority of India are concerned, the position is as under:-

Sanctioned Strength – 1524
Actual strength – 1039
Vacancies - 485 (126 coaches have been employed on contractual basis against the vacant posts)

In order to fill vacancies, SAI has recruited Assistant Coaches on regular and contract basis as under:-

- (i) During 2013-14, SAI had recruited 170 Assistant Coaches (entry grade) on regular basis.**
- (ii) SAI has recruited 90 Contract Coaches and 03 Para-Olympians on regular basis in 2015 and 03 Para-Olympians on regular basis in 2016 (January & February).**

The number of coaches is not fixed discipline-wise. Since inclusion / discontinuation of sports discipline at various SAI Training Centres across the country is a continuous process which is reviewed periodically in view of the annual induction/weeding out of inmates/trainees based on identified parameters and rationalization of disciplines. Therefore, the discipline-wise and centre-wise requirement of coaches varies from time to time depending upon these factors.

Recruitment process for appointment of 150 Assistant Coaches is under active progress.
