

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 699
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.03.2016**

New SAI Centres

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to set up new sports coaching institutes and SAI training centres in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Government has the information on the usage of the existing centres by athletes and sportspersons and if so, the details thereof ; and**
- (c) if not, whether the Government is planning to collect the said information and data?**

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

(a) Sports Authority of India (SAI) has decided to establish the following new Centres in the country:-

- SAI Training Centre (STC) at Uday Pratap Inter College at Varanasi**
- STC at Vidyadharnagar , Jaipur Rajasthan**
- STC at Nagpur**

- **Special Area Games (SAG) at Dandeli at Karnataka (for Siddi tribes)**
- **SAG Centre in Kargil, J&K**
- **SAG Centre at Solal Gaon, North Lakhimpur, Assam**
- **Regional Centre at Wathora, Nagpur**
- **27 new Boys Sports Companies in collaboration with Army, Navy and Indian Air Force**

To provide state of the art facilities to sports-persons and to promote sports on single discipline basis, Governing Body of SAI has also approved 13 National Sports Academies in the disciplines of Athletics, Swimming, Cycling, Golf, Boxing, Wrestling, Archery, Shooting, Football, Hockey and Volleyball in collaboration with respective National Sports Federations. SAI has operationalised 05 such Academies in Athletics at Thiruvananthapuram and Bhopal, Cycling at Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi, Swimming at Dr SPMPC, New Delhi and Golf at Thiruvananthapuram.

(b) Yes, Madam. The training of elite athletes preparing for International competitions is carried out mostly in SAI centres spread throughout the country.

Presently, 11773 talented sports persons (6626 boys and 5147girls) being trained under the SAI Schemes are provided with the facilities in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment (consumable and non consumable), boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/ insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

(c) Does not arise.
