

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †450
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.04.2016**

Performance of Sports Activities

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

- (a) whether the performance of sports in various States including Uttar Pradesh is not up to the mark;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any District-wise study/survey in this regard if so, the outcome thereof; and**
- (d) the details of various steps taken by the Government to improve the performances of sports activities in various States including Uttar Pradesh?**

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has not undertaken any exercise with a view to assessing the performance of sports in various States including Uttar Pradesh and coming to a conclusion whether the same is up to the mark or not. The Ministry has not conducted any District-wise study/survey in this regard.

(d) The Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous body under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, implements the following sports promotional schemes all over the country in order to identify young

sports talent in the age group ranging from 8-25 years and to nurture and train them to excel at National and International competitions :

- **National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)**
- **Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)**
- **SAI Training Centre (STC)**
- **Special Area Games (SAG)**
- **Extension Centres of STC/SAG**
- **Centre of Excellence (COE)**
- **SAI National Sports Academies**

At present, 11773 talented sports persons (6626 Boys and 5147 Girls) are being trained in 27 sports disciplines in 251 Centres under Residential & Non-Residential basis. The selected trainees are provided with facilities in the form of Expert Coaches, Playfields, Equipment, Boarding & Lodging, Sports Kit, Competition Exposure, Educational Expenses, Insurance /Medical Expenses and Stipend as per the approved schemes norms.
