

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1829  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016**

**NIS trained Coaches**

**†1829. SHRI SUBHASH PATEL:**

**SHRI ALOK SANJAR:**

**SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:**

**SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:**

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

**(a) whether the practice of providing services of National Institute of Sports (NIS) trained coaches under Central as well as State schemes has been discontinued by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and if so, the reasons thereof;**

**(b) whether there is any proposal to revive the practice;**

**(c) whether the Government has any scheme to discover hidden sporting talents among tribal boys/girls aged 9 to 14 and to give them intensive training by opening academies for popular sports in their States and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)**

**(a) & (b): As Sports Authority of India (SAI) had been facing shortage of coaches for its own sports promotional schemes, the Governing Body of SAI in its 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 25.05.2015 decided to redeploy SAI coaches posted in State Coaching Centres (SCCs) of the State Governments.**

**The State Governments were advised that if they required the services of SAI coaches for their SCCs, they could take them on deputation basis. However, some SAI coaches are still working with SCCs.**

**(c) Yes, Madam. SAI implements Sports Promotional Schemes to identify and nurture young sports talent amongst rural & tribal youths in the country. Major Sports Promotional Schemes implemented by SAI in this regard are as under:**

- SAI Training Centre (STC)**
- Special Area Games (SAG)**
- Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)**

**Under these Schemes, boarding, lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, medical insurance, equipment, stipend etc., is provided. Scientific coaching is imparted. Centres under these Schemes are spread all over the country.**

**Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme is specifically focused on identifying and nurturing talent from amongst rural, tribal, coastal and other genetically talented and gifted sportspersons, and honing the skills to international level excellence.**

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