

Regarding Need to expedite establishment of proposed Sports Hub in Cooch Behar, West Bengal-Laid

SHRI JAGADISH CHANDRA BARMA BASUNIA (COOCHBEHAR): The Cooch Behar Sports Hub was envisioned as a world class facility for budding sports players, especially in North Bengal. As a National Centre of Excellence under the Sports Authority of India, it was expected to provide top class coaching facilities across 12 sports disciplines. The Bhumi Puja for this project was performed on 15 January, 2023 at New Cooch Behar, in the presence of the Honourable Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. Close to three years down the line, there has been no significant progress on the sports hub. The reply by the Honourable Minister in the Rajya Sabha during the last session reveals that the Sports Authority of India has sanctioned Rs. 29 crores for this sports hub. Despite these funds, action is yet to be taken. The Cooch Behar Sports Hub holds immense potential for the promotion of sports activities in the region and is key to identifying new talented sports players. Hence, I urge the Government to provide an update on the construction of the Sports Hub and expedite the process on an urgent Basis.