

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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DETERIORATION IN LEVEL OF SPORTS

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

- (a) whether the level of sports is deteriorating in many States including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government at the central level to improve the level of sports in those States where the level of sports is deteriorating?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) The level of Sports is gradually improving in the country. 'Sports' is a State subject. State Government takes appropriate steps for implementing the sports programmes as per the budget allocation of the State Governments.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) To augment the efforts of the State Governments, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports Authority of India are implementing a number of schemes.

Under these Schemes, sports persons at Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior level are being trained to bring in excellence. Besides, assistance is also being provided to State Governments, NGOs etc to create sports infrastructure. State Governments are also being assisted to hold inter school tournaments and promote rural sports tournaments. Assistance also is being provided to Universities and Colleges for creation of sports infrastructure and sports equipment.

In addition to Sports Authority of India training Units in Uttar Pradesh, Sports Authority of India is also establishing a sub-centre at Lucknow where facilities for a large number of sports disciplines will be provided.