

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

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to establish a National Umpire Academy for various disciplines;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the said academy; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve the level of umpiring in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The respective National Sports Federations themselves select umpires for their championships on the basis of certain basic parameters both in terms of practical and theoretical knowledge in their respective sports disciplines. They hold seminars a few days before the championship in which the latest rules and their interpretations are explained. They are then assigned the work of umpiring matches. There is no institution in the country conducting training for umpires. For higher qualifications, International Federations conduct tests and grade the umpires/referees/judges based on their performance. Under the Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training, however, the Central Government only provides financial assistance to umpires/referees from the country to appear in such qualifying tests/examinations.