

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

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

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government to boost sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for the development of Sports during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the names of sports projects completed with the help of funds provided to States during the said period?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): `Sports` is a State Subject under the Constitution and the promotion of Sports at the State level is mainly the responsibility of the State Governments and Sports Federations. However, the Government of India, through its own schemes and schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI), augments the efforts of the State Governments and Federations in the promotion of sports.

To this end, the Government of India runs following schemes to boost sports in the country:

1. Scheme relating to Incentives for the Promotion of Sports Activities.

The Scheme has the following five components:

- (a) Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons
- (b) Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools
- (c) Rural Sports Programme
- (d) Sports Scholarship Scheme
- (e) National Sports Development Fund

2. Scheme relating to Awards:

The scheme has the following components:

- (a) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards
- (b) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches
- (c) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy

3. Arjuna Awards

4. Dronacharya Awards
5. Dhyan Chand Award for Life Time Achievements in Sports and Games
6. National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.
- 7 National Sports Championship for Women
8. Scheme of State Sports Academies
9. Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations
10. Talent Search & Training.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India implements the following sports promotion schemes in the country: -

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
3. SAI Training Centre (STC)
4. Special Area Games (SAG)
5. Centres of Excellence (COX).

(c) Government of India funds are not allotted State-wise but are spent Scheme-wise.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.