

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

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

- (a) the current annual allocation of funds to sports schools, State-wise;
- (b) whether there are any proposals under the consideration of the Government to increase the number of sports schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage and nurture young sports talents of the country to international standard ?

Answer

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

- (a) The Government of India has no scheme related to running or supporting Sports Schools.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The various sports promotional schemes of the Government to encourage and nurture young sports talent include:
 - i) Assistance to National Sports Federation.
 - ii) Talent Search and Training.
 - iii) Sports Scholarship.
 - iv) Rural Sports Programme.
 - v) Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools.
 - vi) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna and Dhyanchand Awards
 - vii) Pension to meritorious Sportspersons.
 - viii) Special incentive to medallists in selected international events.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India implements the following Schemes:-

- i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
- ii) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
- iii) SAI Training Centres
- iv) Special Area Games (SAG)
- v) Centres of Excellence (COX)