

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the facilities being provided to various sportspersons, especially the athletes preparing for major international events are not satisfactory;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to improve the facilities being provided to these sportspersons?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The promotion of sports is, primarily, the responsibility of State Governments at the state level and of National Sports Federations at the national level. Accordingly, preparation of the sportspersons for international events is the responsibility of the National Sports Federations (NSFs) concerned. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the NSFs by providing assistance for training and participation of sportspersons/teams in international tournaments abroad, organization of national/international tournaments in India, coaching/training of the teams under Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and by providing requisite technical and scientific back-up. In addition, financial assistance is also provided to individual sportspersons for training abroad as a part of their preparations for participation in major international events under the scheme relating to `Talent Search & Training` and `National Sports Development Fund`.

Besides, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) implements the following schemes for the promotion of sports for improving performance at Sub- Junior, Junior and Senior level:

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

The facilities being provided to sportspersons for international events are reviewed and improved from time to time.