

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TASK FORCE REPORT FOR PROMOTION OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken on the Task Force report for formulating a composite plan for the development and promotion of Sports and Youth Affairs in the North-Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) the salient recommendations, achievements made during the last three years and targets set for implementing each of those recommendations;
- (c) the details of infrastructure already created at Guwahati for hosting the National Games; and
- (d) the target set for completion of the remaining infrastructure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)&(b): The main recommendations of the Task Force for the Development and Promotion of Sports and Youth Affairs in the North-Eastern States were: Development of sports infrastructure facilities in the State capitals, district and sub-divisional headquarters to train the sportspersons on regular basis, identification and focus on infrastructure of disciplines in which talent is available in North East like Martial Arts, Football, Boxing etc. creation of playing facilities at Block and Panchayat levels, development of infrastructure for establishment of SAI centres, strengthening the arrangements for training including coaches and equipment etc., and liberalization of the infrastructure scheme of Government to enable financial assistance to be availed for broad-basing of sports and achieving excellence. The Ministry has set up a North Eastern Cell in February, 2000, and efforts are being made to give special attention to various aspects pertaining to the development of sports in the States of North Eastern Region. An amount of Rs.48.62 crores has been released to the various States for development of sports infrastructure comprising State Level Complexes, Stadia, Indoor Halls, Swimming Pools, Playing Fields, etc. since 2002-03. The state-wise and year-wise details of the funds provided are indicated in the statement Annex-I. In addition, a proposal for setting up a Sports Complex at Khuman Lampak in Manipur has been approved by the Department of Development of North-Eastern Region at an estimated cost of Rs.18.43 crores against which an amount of Rs.5.8 crores has been released. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has also taken a number of steps to strengthen and upgrade the SAI infrastructure and activities pertaining to training and promotion of excellence, and works for installation/construction of Synthetic Hockey/Atheletics Surfaces/Tracks, Multipurpose Halls, Hostels, Swimming Pool Football Ground, Archery Ground, etc., with an estimated cost of Rs.38.38 crores have been sanctioned/are under implementation in different locations. The boarding and kitting allowances have been increased from Rs.75/- to Rs.110/- and from Rs.3000/- to Rs.4000/- respectively; special efforts have been made to activate 2 main SAG Centres at Tinsukia and Kokrajhar including appointment of 18 coaches, and; the number of trainees in the SAG Centres/STCs has increased from around 1100 to 1500. The recommendations of the Task Force in respect of various schemes are also being utilized as inputs in the exercises of the Working Group set up by the Planning Commission in the context of the Five Year Plan.

(c) & (d): The details of the infrastructure created at Guwahati for hosting the National Games, including the status of development in respect of various facilities are given in the statement at Annex-II.