

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

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STADIA AND PHYSICAL TRAINING CENTRES FOR RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government had proposed to set up some new stadia and physical training centres for the development of sports and youth affairs in the country particularly in the rural areas ;
- (b) If so, the amount allocated by Government during the last three years to implement the plan formulated by the Government in this regard and the details of the amount utilized out of the above the allocation; and
- (c) The State-wise/location-wise number of rural youth in the country benefited from the above plan ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : As 'Sports' is a State subject in the constitution, the primary responsibility for creation of sports facilities in the country, including rural areas, lies with the State Governments. Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was providing assistance to State Governments, local bodies, educational institutions and NGOs for the establishment of various kinds of sports infrastructure and procurement of equipments etc., based on specific proposals received from time to time as per the guidelines of the related schemes. However, w.e.f.

1.4.2005 these schemes were transferred to the State Sector. No fresh projects are, therefore, being funded by the Government of India, but funds to the extent of committed liabilities for the ongoing approved projects would be given during the remaining period of the X Five Year Plan. Further there was no provision for allocation of State-wise funds under the erstwhile Sports Infrastructure Schemes. The details of State-wise and year-wise funds released during the last 3 years (i.e. 2003-04 to 2005-06) under the Sports Infrastructure Schemes are annexed.

(c) It is not practically feasible to give details of State-wise/location-wise number of rural youth who may have benefited from the sports facilities. But as Government is concerned to promote Sports Development as an integral element of Youth Development, especially in rural areas, consideration is being given to launching the Panchayat Yuva Khel Abhiyan in the Eleventh Five Year Plan.