

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

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MODERN SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is lack of modern infrastructure for sports in the country and the infrastructure of International Standards are not available in India ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to create modern infrastructures of International Standards for the development of sports and sportspersons ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir, there are serious inadequacies in sports infrastructure and sports facilities in the country , which are being addressed . However, `Sports` being a State subject in the Constitution , the primary responsibility for the creation of sports infrastructure facilities lies with State Governments.Till 31.3.2005 , the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of State Governments by providing assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Scheme in accordance with the approved pattern subject to receipt of viable proposals. But with effect from 1.4.2005 , the sports infrastructure schemes were transferred to the State Sector. Thus , fresh cases of sports infrastructure projects will have to be funded by the State Governments out of their own resources. Details of Sports Infrastructure Projects, completed by the State Government with central assistance during the last three years are given in the annex .

In addition, the Sports Authority of India has also developed extensive infrastructure for sports training which is being further expanded and upgraded. Emphasis is also being given for maximum utilization of the infrastructure created in different parts of the country for events such as the National Games , SAF Games , Afro-Asian Games , etc. , and under the State Governments Schemes. All this is in addition to the proposed creation of State-of-the-art infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games 2010 and Commonwealth Youth Games 2008.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is also considering the launching of a scheme- `Panchayat Yuva Khel Abhiyan` with the objective of developing basic sports infrastructure, and promoting games and sports activities, at the village/sub-district level, both as an essential ingredient of the development of the Youth and to significantly expand the catchment for sporting and nurturing of sports talent.Consultations are being held in this regard with all the stakeholders concerned with a view to finalizing the proposal.