

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

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ASSISTANCE FOR SPORTS IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of financial and other assistance being extended to various States for development of sports, particularly in the rural areas ;
- (b) the details of the sports facilities set up in the States during the last 3 years , State-wise ; and
- (c) the number and names of national/international level talented sportspersons identified and trained in various States, particularly in Tamil Nadu during the said period ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the table of the House .

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c ) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 143 FOR 22.8.2007 BY SHRIMATI K. RANI REGARDING ASSISTANCE FOR SPORTS IN RURAL AREAS .

(a) : The Ministry is implementing various schemes for the development of sports and games in the States. Under the Rural Sports Programme competitions and tournaments are organized at the block, district and national levels. and financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for the purpose as per the following pattern:

Block Level : -Nil-  
District Level : Rs.30,000/-per discipline per district for 10 sports disciplines  
maximum Rs.3.00 lac per district)  
State Level : Rs.50,000/- per discipline upto 10 sports disciplines.  
National Level: Rs.2.50 lakh per discipline upto 10 sports disciplines

A Sports Festival for the North Eastern Region is also organized every year in one of the North Eastern States by rotation and participation is restricted only to residents of North Eastern States.An assistance of Rs.50,000/- per district for District Level Competitions and Rs.75,000/- per discipline for State Level Competition is given.

Apart from this, Ministry is also implementing the Sports Scholarship Scheme with a view to assisting talented boys & girls for their outstanding performance.The Scheme aims at assisting sports persons so that they can have nutritious diet, sports equipment support and be able to pursue competitive sports.The scholarship fall under the following three categories:

- i) State level Scholarship (Category-I): @Rs.550/- per months for 150 Sportspersons per State and 100 sportspersons per Union Territory.
- ii) National Level Scholarship (Category-II): @Rs.700/- per month to all eligible sportspersons
- iii) University/College level Scholarship (Category-III): @Rs.850/- per month to all eligible Universities/College students.

The eligibility for the team and individual events is as under:-

Team events: Winners and runners up (all members) and outstanding individual performers, if any, of the teams that do not make it to the finals.

Individual events: First, Second and Third position holders

(b) Action is being taken under various schemes of Sports Authority of India to establish State of the Art, Infrastructure facilities spread all over the country, which is utilized to operate a number of sports coaching and training schemes such as the National Sports Talent Contest Scheme, the SAI Training Centre Scheme, the Special Area Games Scheme, the Army Boys Sports Company and SAI Centres of Excellence. At Present, approximately 13000 trainees are getting training and other requisite scientific support under these schemes at 230 centres all over the country.

Till 31.3.2005 the Ministry was also supplementing the efforts of State Governments for creation of sports facilities in various places including rural areas by providing assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Scheme . But with effect from 1.4.2005, the sports infrastructure schemes were transferred to the State Sector.

The state-wise details of sports infrastructure completed with central assistance under the erstwhile schemes of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructures and Grants for Installation of Synthetic Surfaces during the last three years have been indicated in the enclosed Annex-I.

In recognition of the shortage of sports infrastructure, particularly in rural areas, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is proposing to launch a nation-wide scheme entitled `Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan` with the objective of reaching down to the rural grassroots to develop basic sports infrastructure and promote games and sports activities at the Village Panchayat & Block Panchayat level, both as an essential ingredient of youth development and to significantly expand the talent pool available to the country to promote excellence in sports.

(c) : The draft Comprehensive Sports Policy also seeks to address in detail the challenge of ensuring sports facilities in rural areas under the rubric of `Sports for All` - one of the declared goals of the revised Twenty Point Programme 2006 . 653-talented players of various states have been spotted during the last three years under SAI's Promotional Scheme. The details of talented players of Tamil Nadu are given in the enclosed Annex-II.