

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

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COACHES FOR SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of different disciplines of sports for which coaching is provided by the Sports Authority at present;
- (b) the total number of coaches, regular or adhoc, including foreign coaches, presently working in the Sports Authority of India; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of coaches, particularly Indian coaches, to improve the quality of sports education and training in India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

- (a) Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been providing coaching in the following sport disciplines:

Athletics, Archery, Basketball, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Handball, Gymnastics, Judo, Kho-kho, Kabaddi, Lawn Tennis, Swimming, Volleyball, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Karate, Wushu, Kayaking and Canoeing, Rowing, Taekwondo, Sepak Takraw, Fencing, Shooting, Softball and Table Tennis.

- (b) Presently, there are 1475 coaches on regular basis and 60 coaches on contract basis working in SAI. In addition, 38 foreign coaches (27 full time and 11 short term) have been engaged by SAI on the recommendations of the concerned National Sports Federations to train the elite sportspersons in preparation for international events.

- (c) Coaches are being appointed in SAI on contract basis based on need assessment and in the disciplines where SAI has no regular coaches.