

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the development and promotion of sports like wrestling, hockey and other rural sports at Gram Panchayat level in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme to provide training and other facilities to rural youths to develop their sports talent;
- (d) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided so far, State-wise; and
- (e) the efforts made by the Government to provide sports infrastructure in the village schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Under the Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) Scheme, wrestling and hockey have been included in the 20 disciplines identified for the purpose. A copy of the list of 20 sports disciplines is at Annexure-I. Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), was introduced in 2008-09, for development of playfields and conduct of annual sports competitions in all 20 sports disciplines.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Under the PYKKA scheme, Kridashrees are engaged, who are young, energetic and sports lovers having represented at District/State/National level. Kridashrees are honorary community coaches/sports volunteers at the village and block Panchayat levels. In addition to managing the village sports facilities, they act as sports trainers, motivators and counsellors to encourage the whole community to participate in sports and games on a regular basis. State-wise details of kridashrees trained with the financial assistance provided to States/UTs by Central Government upto 31.01.2013 are at Annexure-II.

(e) Under the Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) Scheme the financial assistance provided to the States/UTs for development of playfields in village panchayats/block panchayats which include the construction of leveling of land, development of playfields, fencing of playfields & construction of washroom/change room etc. The most of the PYKKA centres where infrastructure created under the scheme have been developed in the Government schools.