

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Identifying Talents in Various Sports
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to identify talents in various sports through efficient and senior coaches in training centres of the Sports Authority of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the State-wise/sport-wise number of talented sportspersons identified through this scheme during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage such sportspersons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam.

Sports Authority of India(SAI) is implementing various sports promotional schemes to identify talented sportspersons and nurture their potential to excel at National & International level competition. Following sports promotional Schemes are being implementing by SAI :-

- ? National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) including Indigenous Games of Martial Art (IGMA) and Akharas
- ? Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
- ? SAI Training Centre (STC)
- ? Special Area Games (SAG)
- ? Extension Centres of STC/SAG
- ? Centre of Excellence (COE)
- ? SAI National Sports Academies

252 SAI Sports Training Centres are presently in operation all over the country wherein 11773 sports persons (8243 Boys & 3530 Girls) are undergoing training in residential and Day Boarding Scheme. The selected trainees / inmates are provided with facilities in the form of playfields, Equipment, Boarding & Lodging, Sports Kit, Competition Exposure, Educational Expenses, Insurance/Medical Expenses and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

(c) The details of identified sports persons for nurturing under the SAI Sports Promotional Schemes during the last three years are provided at the Annexure.

(d) The identified sportspersons are encouraged to achieve their full potential by providing them all opportunities to excel under the guidance /training /supervision of experienced coaches.

Those who excel at the international level are also given cash awards as per the norms of the Scheme of Special Awards and Medal winners in International Sports Events and their coaches.
