

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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TALENT SEARCH FOR NATIONAL SPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to identify potential talents in various disciplines of sports at the National level through competent coaches in the training centres of Sports Authority of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether talented persons from poor families and hailing from villages are also covered under the scheme and if not, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the number of talented sportspersons identified/benefited under the said scheme during the last three years, State-wise and sports discipline-wise; and
- (e) The steps taken by the Government to encourage such players ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) At present Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the under mentioned Schemes for identification and nurturing of talent as also for promotion and development of sports in the country.

# National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)  
# Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)  
# Special Area Games (SAG)  
# SAI Training Center (STC)  
# Centre of Excellence (COX)

Brief details of the schemes are at Annexure I.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) Details of the beneficiaries under various schemes of SAI are placed at the Annexure II.

(e) Under various schemes of SAI, assistance is provided to the trainees for boarding, lodging, equipment, sports kit, stipend, competition exposure, etc.