

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

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Selection of Sportspersons for Training
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sportspersons identified for sports training from the rural areas in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the budgetary allocation made and utilised for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the performance of these sportspersons at the national and international events during the said period; and
- (d) the criteria adopted for selection of such sportspersons in the country?

Answer

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

(a) To promote sports in the country, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions:

? National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)

? Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)

? SAI Training Centre (STC)

? Special Area Games (SAG)

? Extension Centre of STC/SAG

? Centre of Excellence (COE)

? National Sports Academies (NSA)

Accordingly, SAI has established 10 Regional Centres and 02 educational institutions to implement the above sports promotional schemes in the country.

Currently, there are 19 SAG Centres with 2000 trainees (1120 boys and 880 girls). Under SAI Schemes 13,684 talented sports person 9653 boys and 4031 girls are provided with regular sports training in 27 sports disciplines on residential and non-residential basis in 290 SAI sports centres.

The number of SAI trainees under various schemes State/UT wise is attached as Annexure-I. No rural-urban record of trainees is maintained.

(b) The fund allocation utilized under the Sports Promotional Schemes during the last three years and the current year is as under: -

<pre>Year

Allocated

(Rs. in Crores)

Expenditure

(Rs. in Crores)

2013-14

Rs.53.20

Rs.50.42

2014-15

Rs.57.20

Rs.57.64

2015-16

Rs.74.75

Rs.66.44

2016-17

Rs.75.00

Upto Dec, 2016

Rs.61.46</pre>

(c) The Achievements of SAI Scheme's trainees for the last three years are provided at Annexure-II.

(d) The selection of the trainees under various SAI Schemes is based on merit, battery of test result and specific test result. Due weightage is given to participation/ medal winners in District/ State/ National level tournaments/ competitions etc.

There is also a scheme namely Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme which aims at scouting natural talent for modern competitive sports and games from inaccessible tribal, rural and coastal areas of the country and nurturing them scientifically for achieving excellence in sports. The Scheme also envisages tapping of talent from indigenous games and martial arts and also from regions/ communities, which are either genetically or geographically advantageous for excellence in a particular sports discipline. Therefore, geographical criteria like High Altitude, Coastal Areas, Islands, Back- waters are considered for selection of trainees.
