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Title: Need to include the State of Uttrakhand in the Special Area Games Plan and to develop structure for Sports.

श्री के.सी. सिंह 'बाबा' (नेनीताल-उधमसिंह नगर): महोदय, मैं आपका आभार प्रकट करता हूँ कि आपने मुझे बोलने का मौका दिया। Sir, I would like to request the hon. Minister to include the State of Uttrakhand in the Special Area Games Plan, like North-Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. Uttrakhand, being in the same Himalayan region, has been left out of the Special Area Games Plan. Having national and international champions in games like Boxing, Taekwondo, Karate, Kick-Boxing, Power Lifting, Weight Lifting, Badminton, Wrestling, Football, Hockey, Table Tennis, we do not have the sports infrastructure.

We need the sports infrastructure like other Himalayan States. Until we are not included in the SAGP, we will not get 90 per cent aid from the Central Government for development of the infrastructure and our new State of Uttrakhand will be left behind in the field of sports.

Once again, Sir, I urge upon the Central Government to include Uttarakhand State in the List of Special Area Games Plan.