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Title: Need to set up an extension centre of Sports Authority of India in Vaduvoor, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Speaker, it is a well-known fact that the Sports Authority of India plays a pivotal role in the development of sports across the country. There are various training centres functioning under the Sports Authority of India with a view to develop sports standards. Under the Come and Play Scheme, the Sports Authority of India expands its training activities to all parts of the country. As far as Thanjavur is concerned, it comprises a number of small villages and the youth in this constituency have adequate sports talent and potentiality for various sports activities but have lesser opportunity to participate in the national-level sports competitions due to inadequate training. Now, the construction of an indoor stadium is going on at Vaduvoor village with the support of the Sports Authority of India. Therefore, I would like to urge upon the Government to establish an extension centre for Special Area Games in Vaduvoor with adequate, advanced equipments and hostel facilities so as to enable more youth from my constituency to participate in the national and international sports competitions. Thank you.