

(c) Government has up-graded football to “Priority” category from “General” category in May, 2007. Government has provided financial assistance of Rs. 30.55 lakh during 2006-07, Rs. 68.15 lakh during 2007-08, Rs. 52.58 lakh during 2008-09 and Rs. 38.15 lakh during 2009-10 (till date) for foreign competition exposure and holding of national championships. The Government has allocated Rs. 10.00 crore for preparation of Indian football team for the forthcoming Asian Games 2010, which would cover training and coaching, procurement of equipment and consumables, international competitive exposure and supporting personnel.

(d) Although, the coach of the national team has suggested discontinuance of these tournaments, the All India Football Federation has indicated that they would like to restructure these tournaments.

(e) The Government is willing to provide all possible support to lift the standard of football in the country.

Schemes for tribal children for sports

†2255. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state whether Government has any scheme to select tribal children in the age group of 9 to 14 years for their latest sports talents and then to provide them intensive training throughout the year and establishing an academy for popular games of the State so that maximum utilization of their talents may be attained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): A scheme of Special Area Games (SAG) is implemented by Sports Authority of India (SAI) under which, sports talent in tribal areas is identified and nurtured. The trainees, who are in the age group of 14 to 21 years, are admitted in the training centres on residential and non-residential basis. They are provided with sports kit, sports equipments, competition exposure, insurance, medical expenses, etc. There are 21 centres wherein 1142 boys and 775 girls are now being trained.

Assistance for sports infrastructure

†2256. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central assistance provided for construction of sports infrastructure by Central Government, which has been discontinued would be started again or the States would be provided funds separately for the said purpose;

(b) the reasons for the slow pace of the construction work of central regional centre of Sports Authority of India and by when the same would be implemented; and

(c) whether the services of National Institute for Sports (NIS) trained instructors earlier provided for the Central schemes as well as State schemes by Sports Authority of India which have been discontinued presently would be started again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Government has now introduced a centrally

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sponsored scheme with national coverage for the promotion of basic sports infrastructure and sports competitions in all village and block panchayats of the country. The Eleventh Five year Plan outlay for this scheme, which was launched in the financial year 2008-09, is Rs. 1500 crore. The scheme envisage to cover around 2.50 lakh village panchayats and 6400 block panchayats (including their equivalent units) in a phased manner over a period of 10-years at an annual coverage of 10%. The scheme is implemented through the state governments/UTs. Administrations.

(b) The construction work of the Central Regional Centre of Sports Authority of India (SAI) is progressing as per plan, the details of which is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) Out of 1289 coaches deployed under various sports promotion schemes of SAI, 309 coaches are deployed in State Coaching Centres. There is no proposal to resume deployment of coaches to District Coaching Centres.

Statement

*Details of infrastructure works done in the SAI's Central Regional
Centre in recent past*

Name of the work	Approx. cost (Rs. in lacs)	Funds released by SAI (Rs. in lacs)	Present status
1	2	3	4
External Water Supply at CRC Bhopal	99.50	99.50	Completed
Installation of transformer for Water Supply at CRC Bhopal	4.50	4.50	Completed
144-bedded hostel building at CRC Bhopal	195.00	195.00	Completed
Compound wall at CRC Bhopal	45.00	45.00	Completed
Multipurpose hall at CRC Bhopal	490.00	490.00	Completed
3 nos. basketball courts at CRC Bhopal	18.00	18.00	Completed
1 Grassy football field at CRC Bhopal	65.00	65.00	Completed
Cinder Athletic Track with grassy football at CRC Bhopal field	90.50	90.50	Completed
Grassy Hockey field with chain link fencing at CRC Bhopal	43.20	43.20	Completed
Electrical installation i/c catwalk for MP Hall at CRC Bhopal	58.34	20.00	Work in progress
Maple wooden flooring for MP Hall at CRC Bhopal	130.00	35.00	Work in progress

1	2	3	4
Survey site plan at CRC Bhopal	16.77	16.77	Completed
2 nos Syn. Hockey surface at CRC Bhopal	585.00	585.00	Completed
Main Building — Civil and Elect at CRC Bhopal	71.21	71.21	Completed
Peripheral RCC drain and chain link fencing at CRC Bhopal	39.46	39.46	Completed
Floodlights and electrical works at CRC Bhopal	557.52	557.52	Completed
Boundary wall at CRC Bhopal	19.60	19.60	Completed
Staff Quarters at CRC Bhopal	131.70	131.40	Completed
Ponds etc. and Rainwater at CRC Bhopal	46.99	42.04	Completed
Providing External Water Supply at CRC Bhopal	47.43	47.43	Completed
Providing Elect. Supply of MP Hall at CRC Bhopal	14.69	14.69	Completed
Change room including toilets at CRC Bhopal	29.48	29.48	Work in progress
Convenient shopping centre at CRC Bhopal	43.83	43.83	Work in progress
Providing barbed wire fencing on the boundary wall at CRC Bhopal	7.80	7.80	Completed
Administrative block at CRC Bhopal	208.52	92.00	Work in progress
2 nos 52-bedded hostels at CRC Bhopal	300.00	300.00	Completed
16-Units of type-III staff quarters and 2-units of type IV at CRC Bhopal	145.40	89.00	Work in progress

Country's performance in sports

2257. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is something inherently and basically wrong in India gauging from its performance in sports and games despite its huge manpower resource;

(b) whether Government would make a Strength, weaknesses, Opportunities and Threat (SWOT) analysis and suggest the way out by which the situation can be fully exploited and improved;

(c) whether there is a perspective plan to improve this long neglected area and bring forth the image of India; and