

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has received any complaints regarding the selection for Arjuna awards; and
- (d) if so, whether the Ministry has taken any action in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Selection of sportspersons for Arjuna Awards is done in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme of Arjuna Awards. Recently, the Ministry has prepared and circulated the criteria for giving Arjuna Awards. As per this criteria, 90% weightage will be given for the medals won in various international championships and sports events in the disciplines covered in Olympic Games (summer, winter and paralympics), Asian Games and Commonwealth Games and 10% weightage will be given to the marks given by the Selection Committee for assessment of the eligible sportspersons keeping in view factors like profile and standard of sport event in which he or she has won medals and qualities like leadership, sportsmanship, team spirit, fair play and sense of discipline. The detailed criteria is available on the Ministry's website [www.yas.nic.in](http://www.yas.nic.in).

(c) and (d) In the past, the Ministry had received representations from the sportspersons not recommended by the Selection Committee for Arjuna Awards. With the objective of bringing in more transparency, fairness and objectivity in evaluation and assessment of the achievements of the sportspersons for conferring Arjuna Awards, the Ministry has framed and circulated on 31st December, 2013 the guidelines/criteria for Arjuna Awards which are to be kept in view by the Selection Committee and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for deciding the eligible sportspersons for Arjuna Awards.

#### **Number of youth hostels in hilly States**

†2328. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of the number of youth hostels constructed in hilly States of the country;
- (b) whether the number of youth hostels in hilly States is very less;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, whether Government would consider building youth hostels in these States in future;

(d) if so, the details of the locations where these hostels would be constructed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) North East Region, Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are categorized as Hilly States. The State-wise details of the number of youth hostels constructed in these States of the country are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Youth Hostels	Location of Youth Hostels
1.	Assam	4	Guwahati, Tezpur, Nagaon, Golaghat
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	Naharlagun, Roing (under construction)
3.	Manipur	4	Imphal, Churachandpur, Ukhrul, Thoubal (under construction)
4.	Meghalaya	2	Shillong, Tura
5.	Mizoram	1	Aizwal
6.	Nagaland	2	Dimapur, Mokokchung
7.	Sikkim	2	Gangtok, Namchi
8.	Tripura	1	Agartala
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2	Dalhousie, Bilaspur
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	3	Patnitop, Srinagar, Nagrota
11.	Uttarakhand	4	Mussoorie, Uttarkashi, Nainital, Badrinath

(c) to (e) As per advice of the Planning Commission, a policy decision has been taken to complete only the ongoing projects of Youth Hostels and not to take up construction of new hostels.