

(3) SAI Training Centre (STC)

(4) Special Area Games (SAG)

(5) Centre of Excellence (COE)

Government India has noticed with concern that the performance of the Indian team in football at the international level is not encouraging. With a view to generate interest among the Indian youngsters to play football, Government of India considered the proposal of AIFF and furnished the Declaration and Guarantees of the Government, sought by AIFF for their bid to host Under-17 FIFA World Cup in India in 2017.

In addition, the AIFF has set up 5 National Academics located one each at Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai and two in Goa to impart training to the children born in or after 1997. The players in these Academics come from all over India, selected from the various competitions including the National Championships conducted by AIFF. These AIFF Academics are full-time residential academies where the players undergo training under the supervision of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) accredited coaches.

Further, AIFF in conjunction with FIFA, has started a nation-wide Grassroots program aimed at boys and girls aged between 6-12 years of age. Currently the program is in operation in the States of Maharashtra, Manipur, Goa, Kerala, West Bengal and in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. The aim of the program is to get more boys and girls playing football and having fun in a safe, non-Competitive environment.

#### **Sending students to North East to forge National unity**

875. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to send young students to the North East States from rest of India to forge national unity and to help younger generation get familiarised with each others special qualities and virtues; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to forge national unity and to help younger generation get familiarized with each other's special qualities and virtues, the Government launched a pilot Scheme "Youth-To-the-Edge" on 30th January, 2012, to showcase the paradise of North Eastern Region to the student youth of rest of the country. Under the Scheme, three adventure trails were identified for student youth enrolled as National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers to participate (2 in Arunachal Pradesh and 1 in Nagaland). Each trial was of 10 days' duration. The details regarding participation of

student youth in the Pilot Project are given in the Statement (*See* below). The impact and success of the Pilot Project is being assessed for launch of next phase of this Scheme.

In addition to the above, National Service Scheme (NSS) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) organize various activities in North Eastern States like NSS Mega Camps, Cultural activities, Inter-State Youth Exchange Programmes and Home Stay Programmes in which student youth from other States also participate. The objective is to imbibe in the student youth, the values of National Integration and unity of the country to share and appreciate each other's tradition and cultural heritage.

**Statement**

*Details of Camps Organized under Pilot Scheme "Youth to the Edge"*

Sl.No.	Camp	No. of Batches	No. of students participated from NE States	No. of students participated from other States
1.	Roing Camp, Arunachal Pradesh	10	70	299
2.	Hayuliang Camp, Arunachal Pradesh	10	102	269
3.	Dzukou Valley Camp, Nagaland	10	50	278

**Employment oriented programmes for youth**

†876. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister Of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared employment oriented programmes for the youth of the country;

(b) if so, the details of those programmes; and

(c) if not, by when such programmes are likely to be prepared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.