

Development of playfields in Assam under PYKKA

1644. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans for the development of playfields in Assam under the Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of measures taken to promote sports in rural areas to hunt hidden talent in rural and tribal areas of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) and (b) The Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan has been revised and named as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) under which it is proposed to construct a sports complex in each block of the country, including Assam, both for outdoor and indoor sports disciplines. Details of the RGKA Scheme are given in the Statement (*See below*). Development of playfields in village panchayats will now be undertaken under the scheme under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) of the Ministry of Rural Development.

- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Under the PYKKA there was a provision for sports talent scouting at National level during the National level PYKKA Rural competition which covered the rural areas of the country including the tribal areas of the country including Assam. The same provisions have been incorporated in the guidelines for the RGKA annual competitions too.

Statement**Details of the RGKA Scheme**

Under the RGKA scheme, it is proposed to construct a sports complex in each block of the country, both for outdoor and indoor sports disciplines, on land measuring about six - seven acres at a cost of Rs. 80 lakh each (Total Rs. 1.60 crore). There is also provision of Rs. 15 lakh for sports equipment to be provided by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. It is proposed to have sporting facilities for both indoor and outdoor disciplines.

All the 6545 blocks in 634 districts will be covered in a phased manner over a period of 5 years. Funds for construction of the block level sports complex will be converged from different schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA); Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF); Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR - Central); Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts, of the Ministries of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) and Planning Commission respectively with RGKA.

Three Sports Trainers (one Master Sports Trainer and two Sports Trainers, out of serving Physical Education Teachers) will be engaged in each block level sports complex for training of sports persons. They will be given suitable honorarium in addition to their normal salaries received from respective school/college.

Annual Sports competitions viz., Rural Sports Competitions, Women Sports Competitions, North-East Games and Special Area Games (for EWE affected regions) shall be held under RGKA upto the National level. The grants for holding the above competitions have also been enhanced.

Camps for selection of sportspersons in rural and hilly regions

†1645. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether camps have been organized by the Ministry to select talented players for various sports in rural and hilly areas in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the places where these camps were organized to select the players;

(c) the State-wise number of talented players selected for different sports through these camps; and

(d) if so, the details of reasons for not organising the camps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) to (d) Sir, this Ministry or Sports Authority of India (SAI) does not organize any camps to select talented players for various sports disciplines. However,

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