
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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SAI implements various sports promotional schemes like National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC), Special Area Games (SAG), SAI Training Center (STC) and Centre of Excellence (COX). For these schemes, SAI selects talented players after conducting battery of tests in various sports disciplines. Players from rural and hilly areas are also covered under these Schemes. Under these schemes, assistance is provided to the trainees for boarding, lodging, equipment, sports kit, stipend, competition exposure, etc.

Counselling session for dope tainted athletes

†1646. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the athletes who returned back to national/international arena after facing the ban on doping charges during last five years;
- (b) whether Government gives them any counselling session when they return to mainstream athletic life after undergoing ban;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) National anti Doping Agency (NADA) become operational from 1st January 2009. From that period till date, a total of 319 athletes have been imposed sanctions/banned by the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP). Out of them, a total of 139 athletes have returned to national/international activities.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. NADA provides anti-doping substance information and literature with regard to consequences of prohibited substances in the form of 'Doping Control Handbook' to the athletes during their reinstatement testing.

Poor sports infrastructure

1647. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the poor sports infrastructure in the country;

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