

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 LWE affected regions) shall be held under RGKA upto the National level. The grants for holding the above competitions have also been enhanced.

Appointment of foreign coaches

2275. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed many foreign coaches for training of athletes in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the number of foreign coaches employed by Government;

(c) whether Government has issued any guidelines for selection of foreign coaches;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any review has been done regarding the outcome of performance of the athletes trained by foreign coaches in various international sports events; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years and the current financial year, Government has engaged foreign coaches in the sports disciplines of archery, boxing, athletics, basketball, badminton, hockey, shooting, squash, table tennis, wrestling, yachting, gymnastic, judo, taekwondo, tennis and kayaking & canoeing as per details given below:-

Sl. No.	Year	No. of foreign coaches engaged
1.	2011-12	31
2.	2012-13	34

Sl. No.	Year	No. of foreign coaches engaged
3.	2013-14	23
4.	2014-15 (till date)	25

(c) and (d) Sir, the selection of foreign coaches is made on the basis of recommendations of the Selection Committee with Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI) as Chairman and representative of the Ministry, SAI, concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs), Indian Olympic Association (IOA), eminent sportspersons of the concerned sports discipline as members. While recommending, the Committee, *inter-alia*, is guided by various factors such as qualifications, experience etc of the foreign coach.

(e) and (f) Sir, performance of the athletes trained by foreign coaches is reviewed by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Contract of the foreign coaches is extended based on their performance. Recently, contract of Mr. Evgeniy Shvilli, foreign coach from Italy engaged for training of athletes in Jumps event was terminated due to non satisfactory performance.

Funds for Development of Sports in Rural Areas

†2276. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds are provided for the development of sports in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the medium through which these funds are provided;
- (c) the sports for which this financial assistance is being provided; and
- (d) the State-wise names of the rural areas which have been provided financial assistance for development of sports so far, since 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Under the Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), which was being implemented by the Central Government from 2008-09 to 2013-14, funds were being provided for creation and maintenance of basic sports infrastructure at block and village Panchayat levels through the State Governments/

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