

**Auxilliary programmes to incentivize implementation
of NSTC Scheme**

1215. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed auxilliary programmes during 2014-15 to incentivise the implementation of National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any delays in the disbursement of annual grants for schools specified under NSTC sub-scheme particularly during 2014-15; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) and (b) Government of India through Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing NSTC Scheme. The scheme scouts sports talent in the age group of 8-14 years from schools and nurtures them into future medal hopes by providing scientific training. Schools having good sports infrastructure and record of creditable sports performances are adopted by SAI under the scheme. This enable the budding sportsperson to study and play in the same school. Presently, 991 trainees (693 boys and 298 girls) are imparted training under NSTC Scheme.

On 13th March, 2015 SAI Governing Body approved assistance of ₹ 3,000/- each for sports kits and competition exposure per annum per trainee (maximum 20 trainees) within 2 months of a trainee joining the Akhara Sub-scheme under NSTC.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Lapses in infrastructure plans for youth hostels

1216. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any implementation lapses in infrastructure modernization plans for youth hostels in the country during 2014-15;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether youth hostels managed directly by Department of Youth Affairs have elicited grievances about logistical support for necessary amenities during 2014-15; and