

**Promotion of badminton as major national sports**

467. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider promoting Badminton as major national sports since India has made a good mark in the game internationally;

(b) whether Government plans to tap the Badminton potential in small towns particularly places like Guntakal and Guntur where the game has been popular over the years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) to (c) Sir, Government of India recognizes the importance of the sport of Badminton in India, its popularity among the masses, medal prospects of India and recent performances in various international events, etc. Keeping these factors in view, the Ministry has placed the sport of Badminton in the 'high priority' category.

Further identification and nurturing of the identified talent from various sports disciplines in various States and Districts, including badminton, is done under the following schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) through their regional centres and training centres located all over India:

- (a) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme
- (b) Army Boys Sports Companies ( ABSC) Scheme
- (c) SAI Training Centre (STC) Scheme
- (d) Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme
- (e) Centre of Excellence (CoE) Scheme

Under these Schemes, scientific training is imparted to the selected trainees under expert coaches. The trainees are provided assistance for boarding, lodging, equipment, sports-kit, stipend, competition exposure, etc.

**NYKs in West Bengal**

468. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) sanctioned, under construction and actually operating in West Bengal;

(b) whether all of them do not have infrastructure/manpower etc. as per the norms laid down;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the location-wise status on NYKs in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) There are 623 Nehru Yuva Kendras in the country, out of which 23 Kendras are located in the State of West Bengal.

(b) to (d) There is, at present shortage of manpower in Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS). Against the requirement of 23 District Youth Coordinators (DYCs), 23 Account Clerk Typists (ACTs) and 23 Multi Tasking Staff (MTS) in the state of West Bengal, 13 DYCs, 20 ACTs and 20 MTS are in position. In order to ensure that the Government programmes do not suffer, alternative arrangements have been made. In case of Kendras where full-time DYCs are not available, the activities are carried on by assigning additional charge to the DYCs of other Districts. In addition, the situation is also being managed by taking officers on deputation and re-employment of retired officers on contract basis for limited period, subject to suitability. The Kendras of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) in the State of West Bengal are located in Government/rented buildings as per the location-wise details and postal address given in Statement.

**Statement**

District	NYK, District Office	Address of the Kendra
24 Parganas (N)	Barasat	58 K N C Road P O Barasat, 24 Parganas (N) Pin - 743201
24 Parganas (S)	Baruipur	Kacheri Bazar, Kulpi Road 24 Parganas (S) Baruipur - 700144
	Diamond Harbour	New Town, PO Diamond Harbour 24 Parganas (S), Pin-743331
Bankura	Bankura	Dr. Shyama Prosad Mukherjee Road, Kethardanga, Hazra Mill Complex, Bankura-722101

District	NYK, District Office	Address of the Kendra
Birbhum	Birbhum	Nehru Yuva Kendra Hatjanbazar, PO-Hatjanbazar Suri, Birbhum-731102
Burdwan	Burdwan	Nehru Yuva Kendra 17, Nalinaksha Bose Road Bardhaman-713101
	Durgapur	Nehru Yuva Kendra C/o Tapan Kr. Chawdhury, 153/N Schoolpara (Near Rai Rani Girls High School) Durgapur, Dist-Burdwan, Pin-713201
Cooch Behar	Cooch Behar	Nehru Yuva Kendra Guriahati Road, Cooch Behar-736101
Dakshin Dinajpur	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nehru Yuva Kendra Asstt. CMOH Office Premises, Back side of District Collectorate Building, PO-Balurghat, Distt.- Dakshin Dinajpur, Pin-733101
Darjeeling	Darjeeling	Nehru Yuva Kendra Armada Compound (Opp. Ava Art Gallery) Hill Cart Road, Darjeeling Pin-734101
Hooghly	Hooghly	Nehru Yuva Kendra Barobazar, Battala Prasad Das Sen Road Chinsurah, Hooghly, Pin-712101
Howrah	Howrah	Nehru Yuva Kendra P-123 Sadar Baxi Lane, Howrah Pin-711101

District	NYK, District Office	Address of the Kendra
Jalpaiguri	Jalpaiguri	Nehru Yuva Kendra Thanamore, Babu Para Jalpaiguri, Pin-735101
Kolkata	Kolkata-(North)	Nehru Yuva Kendra 229/E, Vivekananda Road Kolkata- 700006
	Kolkata-(South)	391/18, Prince Anwar Shah Road Kolkata, Pin-700068
Malda	Malda	Nehru Yuva Kendra Station Road, Pranta Pally Malda, Pin-732101
Midnapur (E)	Tamluk	Nehru Yuva Kendra Padumbasan, Ward No. 11 (DTDC Courier Building) Midnapur (East), Tamluk, Pin-721636
Midnapur (W)	Midnapore	Nehru Yuva Kendra Mirza Bazar Midnapur (West) Pin-721101
Murshidabad	Murshidabad	Nehru Yuva Kendra 1A, Barrack Square (South) Baharampur, Murshidabad Pin-742101
Nadia	Nadia	Nehru Yuva Kendra 55, Bowbazar, Jugipara Lane Natun Pally, Krishnagar, Nadia, Pin- 741101
Purulia	Purulia	Nehru Yuva Kendra Nimtard, Mission Road Purulia, Pin-723101

District	NYK, District Office	Address of the Kendra
	Raghunathpur	Nehru Yuva Kendra Chaliyama Road, Near Barik Bandh PO-Raghunathpur, Purulia Pin-723133
Uttar Dinajpur	Uttar Dinajpur	Nehru Yuva Kendra Commercial Estate (2nd Floor) Block-II, Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur, Pin-733134

**Spending night on pavement by participants of APDG**

†469. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the members of Indian team participating in Asia Pacific Deaf Games (APDG) in October, 2015 had to spent night on pavement while waiting for visa in Taoyuam in Taipei;

(b) if so, whether this incident has been investigated;

(c) if so, the names of the officials found responsible therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to avoid occurrence of such an incident with sportspersons in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) to (c) Sir, it came to the notice of the Government through media reports that some athletes who were to participate in Asia Pacific Deaf Games (APDG) in October, 2015 had to spend night on pavement while waiting for visa in Taoyuam in Taipei. The matter was immediately inquired into by the Sport Authority of India (SAI). It has been found that the AISCD applied for visa in respect of their players and support staff on 29th September, 2015. However, their application for visa was rejected, as AISCD could not submit the organizer's invitation letter for participation in the event. The Federation obtained the invitation letter on 30th September, 2015 in the evening and resubmitted the application for

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.