

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to implement this suggestion throughout the country; 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) Regarding suggestions for introducing 'Marks for Sports' in schools in order to foster a sporting culture in the country, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already informed/directed all its affiliated schools about the policy of upscaling of grades in Scholastic Areas on the basis of grades obtained in Co-scholastic Areas/Activities.

Further, CBSE grants exemption in attendance making it 60% in respect of students participating in sports at National level organised by recognised Federation/CBSE/SGFI from the beginning to the end of session instead of the mandate 75%, as a grace.

Programmes for urban and rural youth

†476. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes being run for urban and rural youth of the country;

(b) whether separate programmes are being run for urban and rural youth;

(c) if so, the quantum of amount and the head under which it was allocated to the States in the year 2013, 2014 and 2015 for the development of rural youth; and

(d) whether the Ministry would allocate additional funds to the new, hilly and backward States for the development of youth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) The Ministry is implementing various programmes/schemes for promotion of youth development in the country as under:-

1. Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran (RaYS) Karyakram

The Scheme has following components:-

(i) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)

(ii) National Youth Corps (NYC)

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- (iii) National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD)
 - (iv) International Cooperation (IC)
 - (v) Youth Hostel (YH)
 - (vi) Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations
 - (vii) National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)
 - (viii) National Discipline Scheme Instructors (NDSI)
2. National Service Scheme (NSS)
 3. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)

The above programmes/schemes are being implemented for encouragement and development of youth in the country as a whole.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Funds are being provided for implementation of the above programmes all over the country. The programmes for encouragement and development of youth are open for youth across the country including new, hilly and backward States.

Construction of sports complex under RGKA

†477. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to construct sports complex for outdoor and indoor sports in every block of the country under RGKA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) names of villages in Assam and Uttar Pradesh wherein sports complexes have been constructed/being constructed so far and amount of funds released for construction of each sports complex, district-wise, block-wise; and

(d) the names of villages of different blocks of Assam and Uttar Pradesh where sports complexes are proposed to be constructed in financial year 2016-17, district-wise and the criteria for selection of such villages/blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) to (d) No, Sir. No proposal has

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