

**Lack of good quality sports equipments and competent support staff**

1819. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is shortage of good quality sports equipment and non-availability of competent support staff in required number and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Sir, requirement and availability of sports infrastructure, equipment, services and facilities including support staff varies with the level of athletes. For National athletes, who are preparing for participation in major international events, both equipment and coaches of world standards and specifications are provided. But, it is not feasible to maintain similar standards at the grassroots level of sports programmes, *i.e.*, schemes like SAI Training Centres (STCs) and Special Area Games (SAGs) which undertake talent identification and development to help the sportspersons become national/ international level athletes. The selected trainees are provided with facilities in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

The availability of good quality sports equipment is dependent on quality of output from manufacturing units.

**ISO Certification for Youth Hostels**

1820. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to obtain ISO Certification for the Youth Hostels being run by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Youth Hostels presently functioning, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, it is a fact that the

Government is obtaining ISO Certification for the Youth Hostels run by the Ministry. Six Youth Hostels have been given ISO Certification. These six Youth Hostels are located in Agra (UP), Dalhousie (HP), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Mysore (Karnataka), Puducherry and Panaji (Goa).

(c) The details of Youth Hostels State/UT-wise are given in Statement.

***Statement***

*The details of Youth Hostels functioning in the country, State/UT-wise*

Sl. No.	Name of State/ UT	No. of Youth Hostels in the State/UT	Location of Youth Hostel (s)
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	4	Golaghat, Nagaon, Guwahati & Tezpur
2.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	Port Blair
3.	Andhra Pradesh	5	Vijayawada, Tirupati, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Kadapa
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	Naharlagun
5.	Bihar	1	Patna
6.	Goa	2	Panaji, Padam Mapusa
7.	Gujarat	1	Gandhinagar
8.	Haryana	7	Panchkula, Kurukshetra, Bhiwani, Gurgaon, Sirsa, Yamuna Nagar, Rewari
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2	Dalhousie and Bilaspur
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	3	Patintop, Srinagar and Nagrota
11.	Karnataka	4	Mysore, Hassan, Tirthameshwar, Sogalu
12.	Kerala	3	Trivandrum, Ernakulam (Kochi), Calicut (Kozhikode)
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3	Bhopal, Jabalpur, Khajuraho
14.	Maharashtra	2	Aurangabad and Buldana

1	2	3	4
15.	Odisha	4	Puri, Joshipur, Gopalpur-on-Sea, Koraput
16.	Puducherry	1	Puducherry
17.	Punjab	6	Ropar, Amritsar, Sangrur, Patiala, Tarn Taran, Jalandhar
18.	Rajasthan	4	Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, Udaipur
19.	Tamil Nadu	5	Chennai, Madurai, Thanjavur, Trichy, Ooty
20.	Telangana	3	Secunderabad, Nagarjunasagar, Warangal
21.	Uttar Pradesh	2	Agra, Lucknow
22.	Uttarakhand	4	Mussoorie, Uttarkashi, Nainital, Badrinath
23.	West Bengal	3	Darjeeling, Burdwan and Churulia
24.	Manipur	4	Imphal, Ukhrul, Thoubal, Churachandpur
25.	Meghalaya	2	Shillong and Tura
26.	Mizoram	1	Aizwal
27.	Nagaland	2	Dimapur and Mokokchung
28.	Sikkim	2	Gangtok and Namchi
29.	Tripura	1	Agartala
TOTAL		83	

#### Nehru Yuva Kendra

1821. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any revision/upgradation in the policy/monitoring of Nehru Yuva Kendra has been undertaken to handle present competitiveness and problem faced by economically challenged sports persons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?