

at Rio Olympics recently; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the sports events for the next Olympics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Sir, India sent its largest contingent ever for participation in Olympics in 2016. India returned with 2 medals; P.V. Sindhu's Silver (Badminton) and Sakshi Malik's Bronze (Wrestling). Department has considered inputs received from various sources and held consultations with various stake holders including Sports Authority of India (SAI), eminent sportspersons, coaches and National Sports Federations (NSFs), etc. for improving the performance. It has been decided, among others, to enhance performance monitoring, emphasize on greater role of coaches in devising training programmes of medal prospects, strengthen sports science set-up and concentrate on Focus sports where probability of excellent performance by Indian athletes is more.

National Sports Federations (NSFs) have been advised by the department to identify medal prospects and their support staff for the 2020 Olympic Games so as to ensure that the core probables get support of dedicated world class support staff on a continuing basis to be able to work as a coherent team and deliver. Review of performance and taking of measures for improvement is an ongoing process.

Opening of Sports Authority of India Training Centre in Jharkhand

797. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to open a Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centre in Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the place where this SAI Centre is going to be established; and

(c) the quantum of funds being allocated to such centre and the amount released, so far and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Sports Authority of India (SAI) had established a SAI Training Centre (STC) at Padma, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand in 2010 at a cost of ₹ 14.16 crore. The Centre could not start its operations/activities due to security concerns, as it was located in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected area.

In recent past, security quotient of the area has improved and, therefore, SAI has

decided to revive its activities in the following disciplines: archery, judo, hockey, wushu and wrestling. In addition, SAI has also proposed to run a Boys Sports Company there in collaboration with Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

(c) The funds released to STC Hazaribagh from 2010 to 2016-17 is given below:

Sl.No.	Details	Amount
1.	Funds released upto 2010-13	₹ 15,55,21,000/-
2.	Funds released during 2013-14	₹ 21,21,979/-
3.	Funds released during 2014-15	₹ 13,26,345/-
4.	Funds released during 2015-16	₹ 14,77,933/-
5.	Funds released during 2016-17	₹ 9,55,720/-
6.	Funds released to SAI STC, Hazaribagh for maintenance of the centre/procurement of cots/bedsheets/equipment etc.	₹ 10,00,000/-
7.	Funds released to CPWD, Dhanbad Division for renovation and upgradation of Girls' Hostel and Type IV Quarter at STC Hazaribagh	₹ 22,43,140/-

Deployment of youth under NYC Scheme

798. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is deploying youth in the age group of 18-25 in each District of the Country under National Youth Corps (NYC) scheme;

(b) if so, the details of youth deployed as volunteers in the State of Tamil Nadu under this scheme; and

(c) the details of the activities undertaken by these volunteers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Under the scheme of National Youth Corps, volunteers in the age group of 18 to 25 years are normally deployed in every block in the districts where Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) has offices. Details of youths deployed as volunteers in the State of Tamil Nadu under this scheme are given in the Statement.