

Construction of stadia at block and panchayat levels

†800. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had proposed to construct a stadium at each block and panchayat level of the country to promote sports, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of States where the stadia have been built so far Block and panchayat levels of the Country and the details of the number of Districts in Bihar where stadia have been built at block and panchayat levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) The earlier Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) was launched in the year 2014-15 and continued in the year 2015-16. The RGKA Scheme, *inter-alia* provided for construction of a sports complex in each block of the country, through convergence of funds from various Scheme like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) of Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR-Central) of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MoDONER), Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts of Ministry of Planning Commission.

However, since convergence of funds did not take place as envisaged, the RGKA Scheme was merged under the “Khelo India” Scheme which is being implemented from the financial year 2016-17, which *inter-alia* provides for creation of sports infrastructure.

(b) Under RGKA Scheme, sanction was accorded in the year 2015-16 for construction of the following indoor sports halls:-

Sl. No.	Block	District	State
1.	Bhimadole	West Godawari	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Udaigiri	Nellore	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Periakulam	Theni	Tamil Nadu
4.	Majitha	Amritsar	Punjab

Note: ₹ 40 lakhs each sanctioned for the above mentioned four indoor sports halls.

The House then adjourned at thirty-five minutes past twelve of the clock.

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