

The various schemes of the department are tailored for achieving of the aforesaid objectives including development of sports infrastructure and promotion of sports in schools.

- (b) In view of reply part (a), the question does not arise.

Participation of East Bengal and Mohun Bagan in ISL

1113. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the interests of the Kolkata Football Giants Mohun Bagan and East Bengal are constantly compromised as far as their participation in Indian Super League (ISL) is concerned; and

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Indian Super League (ISL) is franchisee based league set up by All India Football Federation (AIFF) in conjunction with its marketing partners. The ISL is organized on commercial basis whereby teams could bid for participation. AIFF has informed that neither Mohun Bagan nor East Bengal had bid to participate in ISL 2017-18.

Coaching academies for Tennis, Badminton and other sports

1114. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that prestigious private academies, especially in tennis and badminton, charge hefty fee which economically poor but promising sportspersons cannot afford;

- (b) whether there is any scheme under which promising sportspersons may get financial support to get coaching in privately run sports academies, and if so, the details thereon; and

- (c) whether there is any plan in anvil to open sports academies of international standards under control of the Government to provide free coaching to promising sportspersons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Private Academies fix their fees of their own and Ministry has no role in this.

(b) Under National Sports Academy (NSA) Scheme of Sports Authority of India (SAI), no financial support has been provided to sportspersons to get coaching in private sports academies.

However, National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) provides financial assistance to top level sportspersons (including sportspersons selected under Target Olympic Podium Scheme), who are medal prospects in Olympics and other major international competitions, for their customized training and other support at Institutes having world class facilities; selected sportspersons can choose privately run Sports Academies in the country having necessary facilities for training with NSDF assistance. NSDF has been giving financial support to SAI-Gopichand Badminton Academy, Hyderabad (Telangana) for training of young potential Badminton players.

(c) National Sports Academies has been introduced to the basket of Sports Promotional Schemes of SAL. These are the single disciplined high performance sports training centers of international standards having infrastructure, equipment and coaching facilities with adequate scientific back up, for promising sportspersons at free of cost, with focus on participation & medal winning in world sports tournaments and Olympics. At present Ten (10) SAI National Sports Academies are operational as per details given below:—

1. SAI National Cycling Academy at I.G. Stadium, Delhi.
2. SAI National Swimming Academy at Dr. SPMC, Delhi.
3. SAI National Athletic Academy Sprint at J.N. Stadium, Delhi.
4. SAI National Athletics Academy (Sprints and Jumps) at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
5. SAI National Athletics Academy (Middle and Long Distance) at Bhopal, M.P.
6. SAI National Boxing Academy at Rohtak, Haryana.
7. SAI National Golf Academy at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
8. SAI National Hockey Academy at MDCNS, Delhi.

9. SAI National Cue Sports Academy at Dr. SPMSC, New Delhi

10. SAI Gopichand Badminton Academy at Gachibowli, Hyderabad.

Apart from above, 04 SAI Regional Football Academies are at Delhi, Kolkata, Kerala and Imphal and 01 SAI Odisha Regional Badminton Academy is at Bhubaneswar.

Expansion of National Service Scheme

†1115. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Service Scheme (NSS) is in operation with a view to develop the personality and character of the young students of the country through self-help community service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the relative success has not been achieved with regard to expansion in National Service Scheme due to insufficient funding by Government;

(d) whether Government has set up a mechanism to establish the self-finance units of the National Service Scheme so that the expansion of the scheme is not obstructed due to the lack of sufficient Government funding; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Service Scheme (NSS) was introduced in 1969 with the primary objective of developing the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service. The ideological orientation of the NSS is inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. The motto of NSS is "NOT ME, BUT YOU". An NSS volunteer places the 'community' before 'self'. NSS aims at developing the following qualities/competencies among the volunteers:—

(i) To understand the community in which the NSS volunteers work and to understand themselves in relation to their community;

(ii) To identify the needs and problems of the community and involve themselves in problem-solving exercise;

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