

Sports Complex in Tuticorin

285. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to set up a highly equipped Sports Complex providing training in all types of sports/athletics in Tuticorin District in the State of Tamil Nadu, considering its road, rail and air connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility for providing sports infrastructure and training rests with the State Government. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centre at Thiruvananthapuram and Training Centres at Chennai, Salem and Mayiladuthurai are catering to the State of Tamil Nadu.

Sports talent in rural areas

286. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any action plan for identifying and nurturing the sporting talent from rural areas of various States particularly North East States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) and (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, promotion of sports, including identifying and nurturing sporting talent, is primarily the responsibility of State/UT Governments. Central Government supplements the efforts of State/UT Governments by providing assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and running expert training facilities through Sports Authority of India (SAI) schemes. Identification of sports talent is done through sports competitions at various levels and to further enhance their skills. Training facilities and financial support are