

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No.112
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2024

REGULATORY BODY FOR E-SPORTS

*112. SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to establish an e-sports specific regulatory body to formalise e-sports and ensure the rights of e-athletes in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has framed any policy for the growth of sports in the State of West Bengal, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 112 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/08/2024 REGARDING “REGULATORY BODY FOR E-SPORTS” ASKED BY SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA.

(a) & (b): No proposal is under consideration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to establish an e-sport specific regulatory body to formalise e-sports in the country.

The Government recognizes National Sports Federations (NSFs) at the national level for promotion and development of sports. The Government has laid down criteria for grant of recognition of NSFs in the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (‘The Sports Code’). The Sports Code is available on the website of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, i.e. <https://yas.nic.in>.

(c): The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports through the Sports Authority of India (SAI), is implementing the following sports promotional schemes across the country, including in the State of West Bengal, to identify talented sportspersons in various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels:

- National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)
- SAI Training Centre (STC)
- Extension Centre of STC
- National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
(its Sub-Schemes - Regular Schools, IGMA & Akharas)

SAI has established 2 (two) National Centres of Excellence; 4 (four) SAI Training Centres; and 2 (two) Extension Centres under above mentioned Sports Promotional Schemes in the State of West Bengal. A total of 330 athletes (164 Boys & 166 Girls) are being trained in above mentioned Centres.

Further, various programmes have been launched under the Khelo India Scheme to promote sports and improve the level of sports and infrastructural facilities including stadiums, playing fields, tracks and sports training in the country, including in the State of West Bengal.

The details of Khelo India Centres (KIC) and Khelo India Accredited Academies (AA) in the State of West Bengal are as under:

Khelo India Centres (KICs)	Indian Railways Khelo India Centres (KICs)	Accredited Academies (AA)
13	8	8

A total of **100** athletes (47 Boys and 53 Girls) are being trained in above mentioned centres.
