

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF : SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO 11
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019
Use of AI to spot talent

11. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to spot young sporting talent in the country with eyes on the Olympic events in 2024 and 2028 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is creating an app, where all States will be partners to create a database of nearly three crore young children in the age group of 5 to 18 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) details of other major steps being taken by Government for the development of Youth and Sports in India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)}

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *11 FOR 04.02.2019 ASKED BY SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR, MP, REGARDING USE OF AI TO SPOT TALENT

(a) No, Sir.

(b) This Ministry is implementing Khelo India Scheme which has twelve verticals. The Scheme, inter-alia, includes a vertical “Physical Fitness of School going Children” and under this vertical it is proposed that a tool kit will be provided to each school to evaluate physical fitness of all school going children. Accordingly, a mobile app for such purpose is under development by SAI for assessing the fitness level of the children between the age group of 5 to 18. This mobile app will be provided to all schools in phased manner for assessing the physical fitness of the children. Efforts are also being made to involve all State Governments for this purpose.

(c) This Ministry implements different schemes for the development of youth and sports activities in the country.

The Department of Youth Affairs have 3 Schemes (i) Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK), (ii) National Service Scheme (NSS) and (iii) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD). The above schemes act as programmes for empowerment of the youth to enable them to realize their potential and in the process, contribute to the nation-building process. These programmes were subjected to midterm review recently and their continuation recommended.

The Department of Sports implements various schemes for the development of sports. The major schemes are Assistance to National Sports Federation, Human Resource Development in Sports, National Sports Development Fund, National Sports Welfare Fund and Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports. In addition, grants-in-aid are provided to various institutions under this Ministry viz., Sports Authority of India, Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, National Anti-Doping Agency, National Dope Test Laboratory, National Sports University etc., for undertaking different activities connected with development of sports.

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