

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3324

TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019

Development of sports culture

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

- (a) whether the sporting culture in India has been found to be lacking and if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of Government thereto;
- (b) whether Government has taken major initiatives to revive and develop the sporting culture in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the pool of talent created at the local community, school and university level needs much improvement in terms of quantity and quality and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to invest with a long term view to develop the sporting culture and sports talent and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

{SHRI KIREN RIJJU}

(a) to (d) Development of sports culture alongwith quantitative and qualitative improvement of talent pool is a continuous process. 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of promotion and development of sports including development of sports culture, and improving the quantity and quality of talent created at the local community, school and university level rests with the State /Union Territory (UT) Governments. The Central Government complements/supplements the efforts of the State/UT Governments by providing financial assistance through National Sports Federations, training in Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centres and support under Khelo India Scheme.

The Khelo India Scheme aims to infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence in the country through its 12 verticals by encouraging sports for all thus allowing the population across gender and all age groups to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence.

The Scheme, through its vertical of Talent Search & Development, aims to identify and nurture sports talents under a Long Term Athlete Development Programme and provides for financial assistance of Rs.5 lakhs to each identified sporting talent for period of 8 years.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) is also implementing the following sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions, thus contributing to development of sports culture and sports talent:-

- . National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)
- . Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
- . SAI Training Centre (STC)
- . Special Area Games (SAG)
- . Extension Centre of STC/SAG
- . Centre of Excellence (COE)

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