

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 798
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021

Modernising the SAI Centres

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

- (a) the steps taken to modernise the Sports Authority of India (SAI) centers across India including Bengaluru and the State of Karnataka; and
- (b) the amount of funds allocated and utilized for the purposes of strengthening and encouraging sportspersons from backward regions in Karnataka?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) Sports Authority of India (SAI) has upgraded 23 centres as National Centres of Excellence (NCoEs) across the country, including Bengaluru in Karnataka, in 14 priority sports disciplines. Details of specific steps taken in this regard are given in Annexure – I.

(b) Sports is a State Subject and the primary responsibility of development of sports rests with the State Governments and the National Sports Federations (NSFs) which are responsible for governance of individual sports disciplines. The Central Government, through the sports development schemes implemented by it and organizations functioning under its aegis, complements and supplements the efforts of the State Governments and NSFs in this regard. However, funds are not allocated under any of sports promotional schemes implemented by the Ministry or its organisations for development of sports in States/UTs on the basis of backwardness of any region. Funds are released to eligible entities as per norms of the respective Schemes. Details of funds released/utilised during the last three years under major sports promotional schemes of the Ministry or its organisations for development of Sports in the State of Karnataka are as under :

(Rs. in crore)

Financial Year	Funds Released/Utilised
2017-18	95.31
2018-19	107.46
2019-20	136.68

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 798 FOR 08.02.2021 REGARDING MODERNISING THE SAI CENTRES ASKED BY SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR, HON'BLE MP

Details of steps taken as part of modernization process of the NCOEs of SAI

As a part of modernization, each NCOE is equipped with the following:

1. **Diet:** As per requirement and Engagement of Specialist such as Chef, Nutritionist, Assistant Nutritionist, Catering managers, etc.
2. **Trained and Skilled Manpower (Coaching, Scientific & Administrative Staff):** To provide best training to the athletes, apart from qualified SAI Coaches, reputed and experienced manpower are being hired or taken on deputation/contract from other departments.
3. **Sports Science Facilities:** The following departments are being set up in NCOEs for Sports Science Support.
 1. Anthropometry
 2. Biochemistry
 3. Biomechanics
 4. Nutrition
 5. Performance analysis
 6. Physiology
 7. Physiotherapy
 8. Psychology
 9. Strength and Conditioning

More than 200 skilled manpower have been approved for operating NCOEs.

4. State-of-the-art infrastructure is being created and sportspersons are given better accommodation facilities.
5. The kitchen and dining halls are being modernized and equipped with modern equipment.
