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## PREFACE

I, the Chairman of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports, having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on its behalf, do hereby present this Three Hundred and nineteenth Report of the Committee on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations / Recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Fifteenth Report on the Demands For Grants (2020-21) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The Action Taken Notes were received from the Department of Youth Affairs on 11<sup>th</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and Department of Sports on 18<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020.

2. Three Hundred and Fifteenth Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports was presented to Rajya Sabha on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and simultaneously laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. Replies of the Government to the observations / recommendations contained in the Report were considered by the Committee at its meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020

3. The Committee considered the Draft Report and adopted the same in its meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020.

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## REPORT

The Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports deals with the action taken by the Government on the Observations / Recommendations of the Committee contained in its 315<sup>th</sup> Report on the Demands for Grants (2020-21) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which was presented to the Rajya Sabha and laid on the table of Lok Sabha on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

2. The Action Taken Notes in respect of Observations / Recommendations contained in above mentioned Report were received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports *vide* their communication dated 11<sup>th</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 (Department of Youth Affairs) and 18<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 (Department of Sports). These have been categorized as follows:

- Chapter I : Observations / Recommendations which have been accepted by the Government:  
Paras - 2.4, 2.7, 2.9, 3.4, 6.4, 7.7, 9.2, 5.3, 9.8, 9.9, 12.1, 12.5, 13.5, 13.13, 14.4  
TOTAL- 15
- Chapter II : Observations / Recommendations which the Committee does not desire to pursue in view of Government's replies:  
Paras - 5.6, 3.8, 3.9, 3.11, 6.3, 7.2, 8.5, 10.3, 10.4, 13.12, 15.3  
TOTAL- 11
- Chapter III : Observations / Recommendations in respect of which replies of the Government have not been accepted by the Committee.  
Paras- 4.9, 8.4, 10.7, 11.5, 2.2, 3.10, 11.4, 12.4, 13.11, 16.8  
TOTAL- 10
- Chapter IV : Observations / Recommendations in respect of which final replies of the Government are still awaited.  
Paras- Nil  
TOTAL- Nil

## REPORT

### CHAPTER I

#### OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT

##### Department of Youth Affairs

##### Budgetary Allocation

##### **Observations/Recommendations**

1. The Committee observes that the Department of Youth Affairs has been allocated Rs.726.50 crore in BE 2020-21, whereas it was Rs.776.92 crore in RE 2019-20 i.e. there is a reduction of 6.49%. The Committee finds that trend of percentage of utilization in last three financial years is good and hopes that the Department would utilize the remaining 6.49% of budget before the conclusion of the current financial year. The Committee recommends that the Department should fully utilize the allocations and for budgetary constraints, request for enhancement at the RE 2020-21 stage so that the initiatives are carried forward without lag.

(Para-2.4)

##### **Action Taken**

The Budget allocated in RE 2019-20 was Rs.776.92 crore. It was reduced to Rs.726.50 crore in BE 2020-21, further it is brought down to Rs.454.75 crore in RE 2020-21. It is respectfully submitted that this allocation is just sufficient to meet establishment and other committed expenditure. Despite this the volunteers of NSS & NYKS are doing highly commendable job. The details of budget is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

BE/RE	Demand	Allocated	Expenditure till November, 2020	Remaining Budget Available
RE 2019-20	776.48	776.92	543.25	----
BE 2020-21	1263.76	726.50	----	----
RE 2020-21	723.53	454.75	288.84	165.91

The remaining budget will be utilized by the end of the financial year for the purpose of programmes, NPCC, CPWD payments, purchase of equipments, salary, Accommodation expenses, Office expenses, expenditure of State NSS Cell, Republic Day Parade Camp, NSS Award 2019-20, etc.

##### **Observations/Recommendations**

2. The Committee observes the expenditure pattern of different schemes run by the Department of Youth Affairs and finds that much of expenditure is unspent in the last quarter of the financial year. The Committee noted that Rs.607.36 crore out of Rs.776.92 crores allocated in RE 2019-20 has been spent and around Rs.69.56 crores are remaining with the Department. The Committee recommends that the Department should spend its allocation in a time bound manner as in case of surrender of funds, the allocations in the subsequent financial year are restricted by the Finance Ministry which then has a cascading effect on the schemes.

(Para-2.7)

##### **Action Taken**



Out of Rs. 776.92 crores an amount of Rs. 717.25 crores has been spent. The balance amount of Rs. 59.67 crores was not spent since the release of the second batch of Supplementary was done towards the end of the Financial year on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. By then, the Covid-19 situation was there and it was not possible to carry out the progress in the remaining 3-4 days of the financial year. The issue has been taken up in the right earnest with the Finance Division to impress upon them that the funds should be released well in advance so that they could be rightly utilised.

(Rs. in Crore)

Head	Balance Grant	Action Plan for Expenditure
RGNIYD	8.38	The fund is meant for expenditure related to programmes, NPCC, CPWD payments, purchase of equipments, salary and will be spent by the end of the financial year..
NYKS	117.83	The fund is meant for Accommodation expenses, Office expenses, Salary and will be spent by the end of the financial year.
NSS	5.55	The fund is meant for Reimbursement of establishment expenditure of State NSS Cell, Republic Day Parade Camp, NSS Award 2019-20 and will be spent by the end of the financial year.
NPYAD, IC, YH and others	34.15	The fund is meant for conduct of National Youth Festival, National Youth Awards, Grant of Honorarium to Wardens, etc. and will be spent by the end of the financial year.

### Observations/Recommendations

3. The Committee observes that currently Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakaram (RYSK) has 7 components and each component has got separate allocation. Out of total projected demand of Rs.1263.76 crore, the Ministry has got Rs.621.20 crore only and the maximum cut percentage has been affected in National Youth Corps where only Rs.90.00 crore has been given against a demand of Rs.300.50 crore. Similarly for Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan also the allocation has been reduced by half i.e. against the demand of Rs.607.19 crore, only Rs.300.00 crore have been given in BE 2020-21. The Committee feels that the reduction in allocation could adversely affect the programmes of NYC and NYKS. The Committee therefore recommends that all the programmes of different schemes may run in coherence and budget may be distributed as and where required to accomplish the works on time. The Committee further recommends that additional allocation may be sought at RE 2020-21 stage in case more budget is required than the BE allocations.

(Para-2.9)

### Action Taken

The Budget allocated in RE 2019-20 was Rs.776.92 crore. It was reduced to Rs.726.50 crore in BE 2020-21, further it is brought down to Rs.454.75 crore in RE 2020-21.

The details of BE/RE 2020-21 and affected programmes is as under;

(Rs. in Crore)

BE	Proposed RE	Actual RE	Programmes Affected
726.50	723.53	454.75	Due to prevailing pandemic situation, there has been an overall reduction in funds available. However, the Department of Youth Affairs has optimized the usages of funds through various innovations such as

			conducting Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat through online mode. As a result, most of the core programmes of the Department has been kept operational at an optimal level and there is wide spread participation from volunteers.
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The Board of Governors has approved six core programmes to be carried out and allocation of Rs. 60 crores for the same. However, due to reduction in the budget, only Rs. 10 crores has now been earmarked for the core programmes. Further, under NYC scheme, 02 NYVs are deployed in each block all over the country and paid Rs. 5000/- per month as honorarium. NYVs play an important role in implementation of all the programmes of NYKS. This involves a total expenditure of Rs. 70 crores. With the reduction in RE 2020-21 from Rs. 90 crores to Rs. 50 crores, there is a short fall of Rs. 20 crores for payment of honorarium to be paid to NYVs. This is being taken up with the Department of Expenditure so that the disbursement of honorarium is not affected. It has also been submitted that the honorarium for NYVs at the rate of 5000 per month was fixed in the year 2016. It has not been revised since then. Hence, it has been proposed that their honorarium should be increased from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 15000 per month. Accordingly, this is the part of the EFC proposal entailing a total expenditure of Rs. 300 crores (Rs.270 crores as honorarium and Rs. 30 crores for training and administration cost).

There are 729 districts in the country whereas NYKS is present only in 623 districts. There is persistent demand from public representatives to open new NYKS offices in the remaining 106 districts for implementation and monitoring of flagship programmes of the Government of India. Accordingly, this has been incorporated in the EFC proposal since it entails additional expenditure of Rs. 67.36 crores.

**Observations/Recommendations**

4. The Committee while appreciating the restructuring of schemes by the Ministry for better coherence and consolidated results, recommends that the Ministry should plan for future schemes accordingly.

(Para-3.4)

**Action Taken**

Noted for compliance.

**Observations/Recommendations**

5. The Committee observes that the Ministry has been allocated Rs.23 crore in BE 2020-21 for NPYAD, i.e Rs.2 crore more over RE 2019-20. The Committee notes that the utilisation of allocation of the current year is good and hopes that the Department will keep up the pace of activities under NPYAD in 2020-21 also.

(Para-6.4)

**Action Taken**

Noted for compliance.

**Observations/Recommendations**

6. The Committee has been informed that MoU with more number of countries have been signed for youth exchange programme. The Committee feels that exposure from

international exchange programmes benefits youth in many ways and enlightens them on various youth issues and suggests that the programmes should be carried forward.

(Para-7.7)

### Action Taken

Department of Youth Affairs has signed MoUs with 19 countries. It is submitted that apart from these MoUs and youth exchange programmes, the youth are also encouraged to participate in other international forums also like Y-20 Summit, BRICS Youth Summit, UNDP/ UNV activities, Commonwealth Youth Secretariat Programmes and other bilateral forums taking place in different parts of the Globe from time to time.

The list of MoUs is as under:

#### STATUS NOTE ON MOUs AND YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS

S. No	Name of the Country	No. of delegates exchanged	Date of Signing of MoU / Place	Status
1.	Armenia	-	25.04.2017 / Yerevan	Yet to begin
2.	Bahrain	20	19.02.2014 / New Delhi	Regular Exchange Programmes are being organized
3.	Bangladesh	-	05/10/2019	Expected to start in 2020-21
4.	Belarus	-	12.09.2017 / New Delhi	Yet to begin
5.	BRICS Nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa)	-	06.07.2015 / Kazan	BRICS Youth Forums are being organized annually. Russia – 2015, India – 2016, China – 2017, South Africa – 2018, Brazil – 2019, Russia- 2020
6.	Indonesia	-	12.12.2016 / New Delhi	Yet to begin
7.	Kuwait	-	08.11.2013 / New Delhi	Since, no activities are being held, we have recommended for discontinuation of MoU to MEA.
8.	Kyrgyzstan	20	20.12.2016 / New Delhi	Regular Exchange programmes are being organized
9.	Mozambique	-	07.07.2016 / Maputo	Yet to begin
10.	Morocco	-	18.02.2019 / Rabat	Yet to begin
11.	Nepal	50	25.11.2014 / Kathmandu	Regular Exchange programmes are being organized
12.	Palestine	50	16.05.2017 / New Delhi	Regular Exchange programmes are being organized
13.	Portugal	10	24.06.2017 / Lisbon	Regular Exchange programmes are being organized.
14.	Russia	50	18.11.2016 / New Delhi	Regular Exchange programmes are being organized
15.	South Korea	25	18.05.2015 / South Korea	Regular Exchange programmes are being organized
16.	Sri Lanka	25	13.03.2015 / Colombo	Regular Exchange programmes are being organized.
17.	Tajikistan	10	08.10.2018 / Dushanbe	Regular Exchange programmes are being organized.
18.	Tunisia	20	30.10.2017 / New Delhi	Regular Exchange Programmes are being organized
19.	Vietnam	10	15.09.2014 / Hanoi	Regular Exchange programmes are being organized

**Observations/Recommendations**

7. The Committee observes that while the village level Youth Parliament has been merged with Block Level Youth Parliament Programme due to organizational and financial mismanagement problems in conducting village level Youth Parliaments, the achievement of targets has been good. The Committee notes that these programmes help in developing the leadership of youth and enrich their understanding and knowledge of issues concerning the society and recommends that Rs.22 crore allocated in BE 2020-21 should be utilised judiciously for conducting the programmes.

(Para-9.2)

**Action Taken**

Recommendation of the Committee is noted.

## **Department of Sports**

### **Budgetary Allocation**

#### **Observations/Recommendations.**

1. The Committee notes that Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior has been given Rs.55.00 crore in BE 2020-21 i.e. and enhancement of Rs5.00 crore (10%) from Rs.50.00 crore in RE 2019-20. The Committee notes the role played by LNIPE, Gwalior in promoting the programmes of Physical Education and Sports in the country and suggests that efforts may be made by the Ministry to help the Institute for preparing aspirants desiring to excel in the field of Sports at National and International level.

(Para-5.3)

#### **Action Taken**

The observations of Committee have been noted for compliance. It is mentioned here that under able guidance of this Ministry, LNIPE, Gwalior has become an important institute in the field of Physical Education and Sports over the years. It became a “deemed University” in 1995 and it has an off-campus in North East Regional Centre at Guwahati (Assam). LNIPE has achieved many successes in recent past. The Institute was accredited by A++ with CGPA of 3.79 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2017 and it has been graded as category –I deemed to be University by University grants commission (UGC) in 2018. The students strength of the institute was around 1400 during academic session 2019-20. The institute has experienced faculties who run various courses at UG / PG / Diploma in the field of Physical Education and Sports. All the requirement of funds of the institutes is met by the Ministry through grant in aid which is released to them based on their requisition from time to time. It is expected that LNIPE being an Autonomous body to generate revenue manage its expenses in long run.

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

2. The Committee is of the view that National Sports Federations (NSFs) play an important functions relating in promotion and development of various Sports at national and international level. The committee finds that the allocation for assistance to various federation has been reduced from Rs.300.85 crore in RE2019-20 to Rs.245.00 crore in BE2020-21 and it must be ensured that the decrease in allocation does not impact the activities being performed by various federation. The committee feels that the Department should judiciously utilize the allocation and organize more and more events as they help in identifying talent.

(Para-9.8)

#### **Action Taken**

Budgetary allocation of Rs.245 crore for FY 2020-21 for scheme of Assistance to NSFs is adequate and sufficient for preparation and training of Indian athletes and teams. If required the Ministry will seek additional funds at RE stage. Further expenses on training of elite athletes for their customized training are being taken care of under Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme under the ambit of National sports Development Fund. The funds will not be a constraint for Indian athletes preparing for participation in international sports events including forthcoming Olympic Games.

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

3. The Committee also notes that despite various codes and guidelines being in place, all is not well in respect of functioning of NSFs, which adversely affects sportspersons and eventually the sports. The Committee recommends that regular elections should be held and the Federations function towards promotion of sports. The Committee further recommends that the functioning of the Federations should be regularly monitored and audited to ensure that they stay corruption free and act impartially for promoting sports.

(Para-9.9)

### **Action Taken**

The Government insists upon holding of elections on regular basis by the recognised NSFs as per the Model election guidelines issued by the Government. It is incumbent upon the NSFs to hold elections regularly and before the expiry of the tenure of existing office bearers. Instructions in this regard have been issued to NSFs from time to time.

From the year 2010, the Government has introduced a system of annual recognition procedure for the NSFs, under which recognition is granted to NSFs on year to year basis. The annual recognition of the NSFs, which fail to comply with the Government guidelines, are not renewed making them ineligible to receive assistance from the Government under various schemes. The accounts of the NSFs are to be audited by the Chartered Accountants, who are in the panel of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG). Also, the NSFs receiving grants of Rs. 1.00 crore or more are subject to the audit by C&AG.

In case of failure by any NSF to adhere to the guidelines issued by the Ministry from time to time, appropriate action against such NSFs are taken by the Ministry which include suspension / de-recognition / non-renewal of annual recognition, etc. Also, whenever a case of any gross irregularity in an NSF is brought to notice, action as per rules is taken by the Government.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

4. The Committee notes that for broad-basing sports throughout the country and to achieve excellence in sports, provides scientific training and specialized coaching to talented athletes is indispensable.

(Para-12.1)

### **Action Taken**

Proposal of National Centre for Sports Coaching was floated during the meeting of Standing Finance Committee held on 23rd October 2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India. It was proposed to start B.Sc in Sports Coaching in four disciplines under National Centre for Sports Coaching at NIS, Patiala. Financial grant of Rs. 2.00 crores was released for creating the required infrastructure for NCSC. Class Rooms are created at the first floor of old palace building. Punjabi University, Patiala affiliated B.Sc in Sports Coaching under NCSC at NIS, Patiala. University Grant Commission has also approved the course.

Syllabus of the course has been drafted by existing faculty of NIS, Patiala which has been accepted by Punjabi University, Patiala.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

5. The Committee further feels that coaches also need international exposure to keep them prepared and updated about the best practices in sports going on around the world and

recommends that our coaches should be sent for training/ foreign coaches should be hired for betterment of the coaching standards in the country.

(Para-12.5)

### **Action Taken**

SAI has deputed its Coaches for training in various countries (Korea, University of Birmingham, UK, Japan, Kazakhstan) for having updated knowledge in their fields. Apart from this, the coaches are also getting foreign exposure under the various foreign coaches deployed in various sports disciplines to raise their standard.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

6. The Committee takes note of the steps taken by the Ministry regarding preparation for 3 major events within a period of 2 years but feels that much more work needs to be done to accomplish the target set for reaching in the list of top ten medal winner countries in Olympics. The Committee hopes that these efforts would yield the desirable results in the forthcoming international events.

(Para-13.5)

### **Action Taken**

The Ministry will continue to provide requisite support for training of elite athletes so that the country's performance in international sports events including Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games is commensurate to its potential and as per our futuristic plan we are aspiring to be amongst the top ten medal winning countries in Olympics by 2028.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

7. The Committee reiterates its recommendation made in its report on the Khelo India Scheme for widening the coverage of the scheme by identifying new places of training viz. private residential schools having sports infrastructures for at least four sports disciplines of international standards and develop them as Model residential Sports Schools in addition to existing facilities to identify more potential medal winners and hopes that the Department would expeditiously explore the possibilities in this regards and keep it apprised.

(Para-13.13)

### **Action Taken**

Under the vertical 'State Level Khelo India Centre' of 'Khelo India Scheme', as a pilot project, 04 Kendriya Vidyalayas with residential facilities are operational as Sports Schools since October 2019, wherein 90 athletes are currently being provided sports training. Their expenses with regard to boarding, lodging, education, training, competition exposure, medical, etc. are being incurred by the Government of India. Additionally, schools managed by defence and paramilitary forces, like Indo-Tibetan Border Police Public School, Army Public Schools, Assam Rifles Public School have been approved as Sports Schools and are in the process of being made operational. The recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee to widen the coverage of the scheme by developing private residential schools as model residential sports schools are duly noted.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

8. The Committee notes that the differently-abled Sports person need extra care for their performance and as the Khelo India has subsumed the promotion of sports among the persons with disabilities component, it hopes that the Department would continue giving adequate attention to them.

(Para-14.4)

**Action Taken**

Financial assistance have been sanctioned in 2019-2020 to the National Sports Federations and NGOs dealing with para games to support District, State & National Level Games and training of coaches. Under the aegis of Khelo India scheme the competitions will be held and adequate publicity on all India would to be ensured in order to generate interest amongst other children who fall into this category.



## CHAPTER II

### OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT DESIRE TO PURSUE IN VIEW OF GOVERNMENT'S REPLIES

#### Department of Youth Affairs

##### Observations/Recommendations

1. The Committee feels that the Youth of the country play a very vital role and gain valuable experience for their future while working as volunteers. The Committee feels that there is steep cut in BE 2020-21 for National Youth Corps as Rs.90 crore have been given against projected demand of Rs.300.50 crore which needs to be enhanced and recommends that the Department should seek appropriate allocation for increasing the number of volunteers.

(Para-5.6)

##### Action Taken

As far as NYC Scheme is concerned, a demand of Rs.300.50 crore was made in BE 2020-21 with the proposal for deployment of 15000 volunteers with monthly honorarium of Rs.15000/- per volunteer and the cost of volunteers training and administrative expenses. The enhancement of number of volunteers was proposed due to the proposal of deployment of additional one volunteer in each 1115 blocks of 115 aspirational districts as well.

However, budgetary provision has been made in BE 2020-21 only for Rs.90.00 crore i.e. for deployment of 13251 volunteers with monthly honorarium of Rs.5000/- and the cost of volunteers training and administrative expenses. Additional Fund, if required, will be sought at RE stage.

Thereafter, it was further clarified that the role of National Youth Corps, comprising of about 13000 national youth volunteers deployed in approximately 6500 blocks of the country has been extremely commendable at all times. Most of the flagship programmes of the Government of India especially Swachh Bharat Mission, Jal Shakti Abhiyaan, PoshanMaah, Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Ek Bharat Shresht Bharat, Fit India etc. are being implemented through the volunteers of NYKS. During Covid-19 pandemic situation, the role of NYVs and about 36.79 lakhs volunteers of NYKS has been a matter of appreciation at every level. Almost all the Hon'ble Governors and Hon'ble Chief Ministers and Hon'ble Ministers of different States have placed their appreciation on record about the role played by them. Hon'ble Prime Minister has also praised these volunteers in his Mann Ki Baat and other forums. Earlier, the honorarium paid to NYVs till 2016 was only Rs. 2500 per month. After a lot of persuasion, it was enhanced to Rs. 5000/- per month within the overall budgetary constraints. As stated above, this does not commensurate with the prescribed remuneration for such level of people. Hence, it is to be appreciated that in order to enlist their services in a much more gainful manner, their honorarium should be at par with minimum wages being paid in the Government sector. Hence it has been proposed to be enhanced to Rs. 15000/-

## **Department of Sports**

### **Observations/Recommendations**

1. The Committee notes that Budget allocation for Sports Authority of India (SAI) in RE 2019-20 was Rs. 615.00 crore which has been decreased to Rs. 500.00 crore in BE 2020-21 and expresses its concern over the scaling down of budget. The Committee notes that SAI is the apex and the only one of its kind of organization in the country which plays a vital role for the Development of Sports in the country and it may be difficult for the authority to run its programme and maintain the existing infrastructure with reduction in allocations. The Committee recommends that the Department of Sports should make concerted efforts for more budget to be allocated to SAI at RE stage for its various development works ongoing in different parts of the country.

(Para-3.8)

### **Action Taken**

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is executing the eight (8) verticals of Khelo India Scheme apart from various schemes being run by itself. The reduction in budget to SAI will not affect its functioning as the funds allocated to SAI from Khelo India Scheme will cater the need of salary of staff in SAI looking after Khelo India Scheme, Procurement of equipment / development of Sports Infrastructure.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

2. The Committee feels that there is a need of enhancing the role of SAI in trapping talents from tribal, rural and backward areas of the country. The Committee is of the view that it may not be feasible to achieve the goal of identifying the Sports talent and train them for major events by SAI alone and suggests that the Department should explore the possibilities of roping in agencies like, State Governments and its bodies, Public Sector Undertakings, Corporate Sector etc. for extending the SAI's outreach to those areas.

(Para-3.9)

### **Action Taken**

SAI is identifying the sports talent from the tribal, rural and backward areas of the country and train / nurture them for major international events. Sports being 'State' subject, State Government do also identify the raw talents at early age and induct them in NSFs. The elite sportspersons at national level get financial / other supports under various schemes of Department of Sports.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

3. The Committee notes that SAI Regional Centres / Sub-Centres and Academic Institutions are the implementing agencies for its Sports Promotional Schemes and academic programmes across the country and feels that more SAI Centres need to be established for expanding their outreach to more tribal rural, rural, backward, hilly and coastal areas of the country.

(Para-3.11)

### **Action Taken**

SAI is establishing 23 National Centres of Excellence (NCOE) across the country to impart specialized training to promising athletes by providing state of the art infrastructure and playing facilities, sports science backup, individualized diet prescribed by trained nutritionists and overall supervision under the best coaches, qualified support staff and High Performance Directors. SAI established more NCOEs for expanding outreach to more tribal, rural, backward, hilly and coastal areas of the country, provided with the state of art facilities, equipment and scientific back up along with specialized training. The trainees are provided upgraded boarding and lodging facilities, sports kit, sports equipment, competition exposure, insurance, medical expenses etc. as per norms.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

4. The Committee notes with concern the rise in number of positive cases over the years and recommends that Awareness Program against doping may be run throughout the country vigorously to eradicate this menace.

(Para-6.3)

### **Action Taken**

With regard to anti doping awareness program, NADA is running extensive awareness program on anti doping in sports in country by way of disseminating information amongst sportspersons, educating the sportspersons, coaches and support personnel on the ill effects of doping through training sessions / seminars / workshops.

To further increase the awareness-cum-outreach level of this anti doping campaign, NADA has launched Mass Athlete Awareness Program Against Doping. Under this program, NADA is conducting numerous workshops, educational and awareness programs about the prohibited drugs/substances and methods in sports across the country for sports persons, young athletes, coaches and supporting staff. During the year 2019, NADA conducted 96 such awareness programs and workshops at various places all over India in comparison to 84 sessions in 2018, and 64 sessions in 2017.

In addition, for the purpose of enhancing the anti doping awareness campaign and outreach, NADA is considering to empanel educational partners to strengthen the anti doping awareness activities throughout the country.

Moreover, during the Covid restriction, online anti doping education program is being organized. While awareness programs have resulted in decrease in the incidence of doping in random sampling of sportspersons, the increase in number of positive cases is due to effective test distribution planning, risk assessment and sports specific dope testing/ analysis.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

5. The Committee observes that while NDTL is performing its duties well, it feels that one Dope Testing Lab in a country having a population of 130 crore people is not sufficient and suggests that it may be considered to be raised to two.

The Committee recommends that the IRMS system of NDTL, New Delhi should be urgently upgraded so as to ensure that the testing standards of our lab remain at par with international standards. The Committee hopes that the NDTL will keep on maintaining its standard and impartiality on Dope Test as per international norm.

(Para-7.2)

### **Action Taken**

Being one of 32 WADA accredited labs of the world, NDTL has sufficient capacity to cater the dope testing requirement of not only our country but also our neighbouring countries. Hence presently the proposal for opening of 2nd Lab is not under consideration.

NDTL has procured one more new Gas Chromatograph / Combustion / Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry (GC/C/IRMS) System in June 2020. This system will be used to differentiate the origin of endogenous / exogenous origin of steroids in doping analysis, and, in the process, the capacity of lab for testing and quality analyses under IRMS will be substantially enhanced for meeting all international standards.

NDTL has also decided to impart training to its Scientists / Staff of the lab by inviting the Global / Subject Experts of other WADA accredited Laboratories on the various subjects pertaining to functioning of the lab for its capacity building and to establish the best methods and practices at par with international standards.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

6. The Committee notes that the establishment of National Sports University in the State of Manipur in the North Eastern part of the country is a step in the right direction as there is a great reservoir of talent in that area. The Committee hopes that timely availability of requisite funds for construction of the University are ensured to complete the project within the stipulated time line.

(Para-8.5)

### **Action Taken**

Layout plan of campus of NSU, Manipur has been finalized. Timely availability of funds for construction of campus of National Sports University (NSU) will be ensured. Funds as per requirement are available and it will be ensured that execution plan is enhanced by time providing of fund.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

7. The Committee feels that the area of the sports science and sports medicine occupy prominence in the current times and recommends that the Ministry should utilize the increased funding for the scheme timely and keep it apprised about the progress made in the matter time to time.

(Para-10.3)

### **Action Taken**

In the revised NCSSR Scheme, an amount of Rs.113.70 Crore has been allocated for establishing NCSSR Centre at IG Stadium, New Delhi including support of Rs. 77.70 Crore for providing sports science equipments to Sports Authority of India's 11 National Centres of Excellence and 2 High Performance Centres at Patiala and Bengaluru under the Hub and Spoke Model. Further funds have been allocated for support to Sports Sciences and Sports Medicine Departments in 6 Universities and 5 Medical Colleges spread across India. These efforts are expected to achieve significant improvement in the field of sports science in the country.

### **Observations/Recommendations**

8. The Committee observes that the Sports Sciences Development is of prominence and feels that such Institutes in areas having good concentration of players should be covered to provide easily accessible support to them for giving their best performing in games.

(Para-10.4)

#### **Action Taken**

In the revised NCSSR Scheme, an amount of Rs.113.70 Crore has been allocated for establishing NCSSR Centre at IG Stadium, New Delhi including support of Rs. 77.70 Crore for providing sports science equipments to Sports Authority of India's 11 National Centres of Excellence and 2 High Performance Centres at Patiala and Bengaluru under the Hub and Spoke Model. Further funds have been allocated for support to Sports Sciences and Sports Medicine Departments in 6 Universities and 5 Medical Colleges spread across India. These efforts are expected to achieve significant improvement in the field of sports science in the country.

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

9. The Committee notes that only 3200 players having medal winning potential have come out of the Khelo India Games which is only 10% of the needed is a cause of a concern and recommends that the efforts be intensified for identifying and training more players right from young age and make them compete in more competitions.

(Para-13.12)

#### **Action Taken**

Under the vertical 'Talent Search and Development' of 'Khelo India Scheme', the Khelo India athletes are being identified and selected from various avenues like Khelo India Games, National Championships by the respective National Sports Federations, assessment camps and open selection trails etc. Further to this the junior campers recommended by the National Sports Federations are also being converted as Khelo India Athletes.

As per the Scheme 1000 athletes are to be selected each year over a period of eight years under the Talent Identification and Development Vertical, which will make the number to 8000 by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> year 2024.

Further, potential grass root talent will be identified over a period of 04 years i.e for the years 2019-20 (3000), 2020-21 (6000), 2021-22 (9000), 2022-23 (12000) and 2023-24 (30000).

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

10. The Committee appreciates the efforts of the Department and hopes that more games would be included in future events.

(Para-15.3)

#### **Action Taken**

Efforts are underway to support more indigenous / tribal and rural games in order to mainstream the rural and indigenous / tribal Games by way of popularizing and promoting them in order to enhance the sports culture among masses.

## **CHAPTER III**

### **OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH REPLIES OF THE GOVERNMENT HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE**

#### **Department of Youth Affairs**

##### **Observations/Recommendations**

1. The Committee appreciates the various projects undertaken by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan but feels that the various types of coordination activities undertaken by NYKS may not run effectively as Rs.300.00 crore have been allotted for the year 2020-21 against a demand of Rs.607.19 crore. This might pose financial constraint for the Sangathan. The Committee therefore recommends that the Department may seek additional appropriate amount under this head for effectively carrying out the works. The Committee is concerned about the manpower shortage in the organization which is adversely affecting the schemes and recommends that the long time vacant posts in the organization may be filled up expeditiously.

(Para-4.9)

##### **Action Taken**

Noted, additional funds will be sought at RE stage as per requirement. NYKS has filled up 673 posts in various categories as on date. Filling up of another 115 posts are under way.

The Department further informed that it is submitting EFC proposal to the Department of Expenditure for additional allocation under different heads.

- Social Asset Adoption Program (Rs. 18.69 crores per year)
- Creation of National Yuva Volunteer Registry (Rs.11.60 crores per year)
- Global Outreach: Deploy Indian Youth Volunteers as UN Volunteers(Rs.17 crores per year)
- Disaster Response Team of NYKs for Disaster Risk Reduction (Rs. 5.98 crores per year)
- Opening of 106 Nehru Yuva Kendras (Rs. 67.36 crores)
- Increasing number of Volunteers(NYVs) from 13209 to 15000
- Enhancement of Honorarium of NYVs from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 15000 (from Rs. 90 cr to Rs.300 cr)
- Enhancing the Program budget of NYKS (From Rs. 60 crores to Rs. 252 crores)

Further, the charts showing category wise vacancy position in the NYKS is as under:

<b>STATUS OF PROMOTION AND VACANCY IN NYKS as on 04.12.2020</b>				
<b>S.NO</b>	<b>POSTS AS PER RR 2010</b>	<b>POSTS AS PER RR 2020</b>	<b>2020 (Vacancies)</b>	<b>Tentative timeline for filling up the vacancies</b>
	<b>DESIGNATION / POST</b>	<b>DESIGNATION/POST</b>		
1	Director	Director	7	By 08.01.2021 through Departmental Promotion
2	Joint Director/ State Director	Joint Director/ State Director	24	By 15.01.2021 through Departmental Promotion
3	Deputy Director	Deputy Director	82	By 22.01.2021 through Departmental Promotion
4	Assistant Director/DYC	Assistant Director/DYO	0	N/A
5	AD (OL)	AD (OL)	0	
6	Jr. Computer Programmer	Section Officer	0	
7	Legal Officer			
8	Section Officer			
9	PS to Chairman			
10	PS to DG			
11	Administrative Officer			
12	Assistant Accounts Officer	Accounts Officer	51	Feeder Cadre not available for 01 year (i.e. Till 01.01.2022)
13	Accounts Officer			
14	Sr. Hindi Translator	Sr. Hindi Translator	0	N/A
15	Assistant	Assistant Section Officer	9	By 22.12.2020 through Departmental Promotion
16	Steno-I			
17	EDP Assistant			
18	Librarian			
19	Accountant	Accounts and Programme Supervisor	155	By 30.12.2020 through Departmental Promotion
20	Jr. Accounts Officer			
21	Auditor			
22	Jr. Accountant			
23	Accounts Clerk Cum Typist	Accounts and Programme Assistant	53	To be filled up by Departmental Exam by July, 2021.
24	Computer Operator	Administrative Assistant	98	57 posts to be filled up through Departmental Promotion by 22.12.2020 and rest 41 posts to be filled up by Departmental Exam by July, 2021.
25	Steno-II			
26	UDC			
27	LDC			
28	Driver			

29	MTS	MTS	0	N/A
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>479</b>	

This is submitted that the Board of Governors of NYKS has recently approved the cadre restructuring of the NYKS after about 35 years and it is informed that the new Recruitment Rules 2020 have also been approved. It is stated that these vacancies would be filled up very shortly through direct recruitment/ promotions.

### **Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee recommends that the Department should expedite the process of filling up the vacancies in the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan as it an important organisation for connecting the youth, if the country and its overall efficiency is of crucial importance. Further, the Department should utilize the resources judiciously and ensure that wastage is reduced to the minimum.**

### **Observations/Recommendations**

2. The Committee observes that Rs.20.00 crore has been allocated in BE 2020-21 for Youth Hostels which is Rs.2.5 crore less than the RE 2019-20. The Committee is pained to note that a number of Youth Hostels are encroached by the state governments for long which are being utilized for purposes like running Sainik school in it, using it as an international bus terminal or running a private University defeats the purpose for which they were built. The Committee recommends that the Department should take up the issues regarding removal of encroachments in Youth Hostels with the concerned State Governments at the highest level and ensure that the Youth Hostels are used for the intended purpose

(Para-8.4)

### **Action Taken**

The Department informed that there are 84 Youth Hostels situated in different parts of the country. Out of these 84 Youth Hostels, 61 youth hostels are being utilised by Department of Youth Affairs, NYKS and SAI for different youth and sporting activities. The details of 23 youth hostels which are not functional as youth hostels or are under alternate uses are as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Action proposed</b>
1	Assam	Guwahati	Occupied by the Sports Deptt. of state	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
2	Haryana	Gurgaon	Occupied by Additional Labour Commissioner of the State Govt	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
3	Haryana	Rewari	Used as Sainik School	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
4	Haryana	Yamuna Nagar	Shelter home for runaway couples as per Court's order	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
5	Jammu & Kashmir	Patnitop	Used by Para military forces	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports



6	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar	Hostel with State Govt.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
7	Madhya Pradesh	Khajuraho	Occupied earlier by YHAI, Collector ordered to vacate, Court Case filed by YHAI, Hostel locked.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
8	Nagaland	Dimapur	Initially, rented by State Govt. to an NGO. Presently functional as a private University.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
9	Punjab	Amritsar	Converted into Bus Depot.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
10	Sikkim	Gangtok	University operating from Youth Hostel	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
11	West Bengal	Darjeeling	The hostel is with State Govt. since the shelter provided to the Aila refugees	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
12	Assam	Tezpur	NYKS office running since 2-3 years. Before that charge with District Sports Officer, State Govt.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
13	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa	Occupied by NYKS.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
14	Arunachal Pradesh	Naharlagun	State Govt.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
15	Karnataka	Sogalu	Hostel occupied by Youth Empowerment Department, State Govt.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
16	Karnataka	Tirthahameshwar	Hostel occupied by Youth Empowerment Department, State Govt.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
17	Manipur	Churachandpur	Construction complete but not functional	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
18	Manipur	Thoubal	Construction complete but not functional	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
19	Odisha	Joshiapur	Hostel occupied by Block Development Officer, State Govt.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
20	Odisha	Koraput	Used as Base camp for BSF, CRPF as naxal area.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
21	Tamil Nadu	Trichy	Hostel with District Sports Officer, State Govt.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
22	Telangana	Nagarjunasagar	Hostel is with NYKS since last 4 to 5 years on order of Collector.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

23	Uttarakhand	Uttarkashi	Hostel with District Youth Welfare Officer, State Govt.	State Government to vacate the Youth Hostel and hand it over to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
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It was further informed that some youth hostels are in possession of the State Government/ Central agencies and these are being used for other purposes. This issue has been taken up by the Ministry with different State Government. Several D.O letters have also been written by Secretary (YA) to Chief Secretaries of the States in this regard. However, not much progress has taken place to get these youth hostels vacated. Department of Youth Affairs would be grateful if the Hon'ble Committee could suggest the way forward to get these youth hostels put to the use for which these were constructed.

#### **Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee strongly recommends that the Department should pursue the matter for removal of encroachments of Youth Hostels in a time bound manner and even convene a meeting with concerned States to resolve the issue at the earliest.**

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

3. The Committee observes that out of Rs.166.55 crore allocated for National Service Scheme in RE-2019-20, Rs.142.12 crore has been spent which is 85.33%. The Committee notes that the Department has been allotted Rs.172 crore in BE 2020-21 and hopes that the enhanced allocation would help the Department in increasing the number of NSS volunteers. The Committee recommends that the Ministry should encourage State Governments to set up more NSS units and help them suitably. The Committee also notes that there is a shortage of 50% in the existing strength of NSS i.e. against a sanctioned strength of 199, only 98 are existing and recommends that the vacancies may be filled up expeditiously as they adversely affect the functioning. The Committee further recommends that additional funds may be requested for running the programmes at RE stage.

(Para-10.7)

#### **Action Taken**

National Service Scheme (NSS) had received Rs.166.55 Crore in 2019-20 in RE Stage. However, the total budget received in RE Stage for NSS could not be released due to announcement of the complete lockdown by the Government in the last week of March.

Further, in the current financial year 2020-21 the total budget allocated in BE stage is Rs.172 Crore. In various stakeholder consultation there has been a consistent demand for opening of New NSS Units. At present, the proposal for opening of more than 4000 units (4000x100=4,00,000) comprising 4 Lakh volunteers is under consideration in the Ministry.

It was stated that NSS is a Centrally Sector Scheme. The total budget allocated to NSS in BE 2020-21 was Rs. 172 crores. However, in RE 2020-21, it has been brought down to 74.33 crores. In the absence of adequate budget, the opening of new NSS units and enlisting of more NSS volunteers would be very difficult to achieve.

National service scheme is constructed to linkage of expenditure per volunteer. Hence growth of Scheme is directly proportional to allocation under the scheme. In order to boost growth and tap into potential demand for the scheme the Department of Youth Affairs encourages educational institutions to organize under SFUs (Self Financing Units). Currently, with these efforts over the years NSS has a volunteer base of 36 lakh in government financed units and 4 lakh in self financing unit with constant efforts to grow further.

The details of category-wise vacancy position of NSS are as under:

Sanctioned Strength and In-Position Strength in National Service Scheme as on date				
The total sanction strength of NSS is 199 out of which 104 posts are filled up and 95 are vacant. The details of action taken on the vacant posts is as under				
Name of the Post	Sanctioned Strength	In Position	Vacant	Current Status to fill vacant posts
Deputy Programme Adviser	6	0	6	<p><b>Promotion - 4posts</b> The process for filling up these posts for APAs is under process.</p> <p><b>Deputation:- 2 posts</b> The proposal was sent to UPSC twice on 22.08.2017 and 22.03.2018 but no candidate was found eligible for appointment on deputation basis to the post of Deputy Programme Adviser. The matter is again being taken up with UPSC.</p>
Assistant Programme Adviser	12	9	3	<p><b>PROMOTION POSTS (100 %):</b> As the promotion of YO to APA is linked to the promotion of APA to DPA the same would be processed immediately after promotion of APA to DPA.</p>
Youth Officer	35	23	12	<p><b>DIRECT RECRUITMENT (55%):-5 Posts</b> No Objection certificate is awaited from SSC before the proposal to fill 5 vacancies through Direct Recruitment is sent to UPSC. Reminder sent to SSC on 06.11.2020.</p> <p><b>Promotion Posts (45%) :- 1 Posts</b> This is a reserved SC Category post. As when a suitable candidate is eligible, the same would be considered to fill up the post.</p> <p><b>Posts yet to revived (DR):- 6 Posts</b> The posts are vacant for more than 2 years hence could not be filled up. In accordance with instructions of Department of Expenditure OM No. 7(1)/E.Coord.-I/2017 dated 12.04.2017, the posts needs to be revived in consultation with Department of Expenditure which is under process.</p>
Youth Assistant Grade - I	29	11	18	<p><b>DIRECT RECRUITMENT POSTS (75%):-17 Posts</b> Vacancies for filling up the posts intimated to Staff Selection Commission vide this Ministry letter No. A-12030/1/2020-NSS dated 7.10.2020.Reminder Sent to SSC on 27.11.2020.</p> <p><b>PROMOTION POSTS (25%):-1 post</b> The proposal to fill up the post is under consideration.</p>

Stenographer Grade -II	6	2	4	<p><b>Promotion (100%)- Steno- III to Steno –II – 4 Posts</b></p> <p><b>Amended Recruitment Rules-</b> As per directions of UPSC, the amended recruitment rules have been uploaded on Ministry website on 11.11.2020 for one month for suggestions/ comments before being sent for approval to DoPT and UPSC. Thereafter, as per revised RRs, the process to fill up the post shall be intimated.</p>
Youth Assistant Grade -II	17	9	8	<p><b><u>DIRECT RECRUITMENT POSTS (50%) :- 4 Posts</u></b> The proposal to fill up 4 vacant DR posts has been sent to SSC on 27.11.2020.</p> <p><b><u>PROMOTION POSTS (50%):- 4 Posts</u></b> Earmarked Post for UDC-1 Post Earmarked Post for Stenographer- 3 Posts Since no eligible Stenographer Grade-III is available in NSS. The file for seeking permission from DoPT to fill 4 posts of YA-II through UDC is being sent to DoPT.</p>
UDC	15	13	2	<p><b><u>Promotion post (100%):- 2 Posts</u></b> As the promotion of LDC to UDC is linked to the promotion of UDC to Youth Assistant-II the same would be processed immediately after promotion of UDC to Youth Assistant-II.</p>
Stenographer Grade -III	12	6	6	<p><b><u>Direct Recruitment (100%)</u></b> <b><u>Amended Recruitment Rules:-</u></b> The amended recruitment rules have been sent to Department of Legislative for vetting on 29.10.2020. 100% posts are to be filled by Direct Recruitment through SSC after amendment of recruitment rules. As &amp; when these have been vetted by Ministry of Law, further action to fill up these posts shall be taken up.</p>
LDC	34	7	27	<p><b><u>Direct Recruitment (95%)</u></b> <b><u>Promotion Posts (5%) – MTS to LDC</u></b> <b><u>Amended Recruitment Rules:-</u></b> The amended Recruitment Rules have been sent to Department of Legislative for vetting on 29.10.2020. 95% posts are to be filled by Direct Recruitment through SSC after amendment of recruitment rules. As &amp; when these have been vetted by Ministry of Law, further action to fill up these posts shall be taken up.</p>
MTS	17	17	0	<p><b><u>Direct Recruitment (100%)</u></b> <b><u>Recruitment Rules:-</u></b> Recruitment Rules have been framed and are sent to Department of Legislative for vetting on 03.11.2020.</p>

<b>Driver</b>	16	7	9	<b>Direct Recruitment (50%)- Driver in Ordinary Grade</b> <b>Promotion (50%)- MTS to Driver</b> <b>Promotion (100%)- Driver (Ordinary) to Driver Grade-II</b> <b>Promotion (100%)- Driver Grade –II to Driver Grade-I</b> Promotion of eligible Staff Car Driver Ordinary Grade to Grade-II and Grade-II to Grade-I is under process.
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>95</b>	

The Department is following it up with UPSC and SSC for filling up these vacancies. It has also been taken up with Department of Expenditure for revival of the posts which have lapsed as being fallen vacant for more than five years.

#### **Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee recommends that the proposal to open more NSS units should be considered favourably by the Department and a decision on it should be taken at the earliest. NSS is a very dynamic channel for connecting the youth to the process of nation building and opening of more units will help increase its outreach.**

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

4. The Committee desires to know whether the construction activities for which additional allocation was provided in RE 2019-20 have been completed resulting in less expected release of funds for construction activities or they have been stopped / stalled due to which the funds are not expected to be released.

(Para-11.5)

#### **Action Taken**

**RGNIYD:** The construction works are under progress and the balance amount payable as per the agreement to contractor, M/s. NPCC will be paid in the Financial Year 2020-21.

**NYKS:** Additional allocation for construction activities provided in RE 2019-20 is utilized for Youth Training Centre at Alipur Delhi. Though, construction work has been completed however, for work related to furniture / fixture, air-conditioning and interior additional grant of Rs.2.00 crore is required. For construction of office buildings in other field offices estimated requirement is Rs.1.00 crore. Therefore, additional demand of Rs.3.00 crore has been submitted to the Ministry in 1<sup>st</sup> batch of Supplementary demand of 2020-21.

The present status of construction works is as under :-

Organization	Nature of Work	Tender Award Amount	Percentage of Completion/ Status	Likely timeline of Completion
NYKS	Fixing of furniture fixtures, air conditionings of hall, landscaping, water storage and septic tank.	Rs.4.79 Crores	Tender Floated	April, 2021
RGNIYD	Construction of Buildings	Rs.54.49 Crores	95%	31.12.2020

**Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee recommends that the Department should expedite the process of making the Youth Training Centre at Alipur, Delhi operational at the earliest. The construction work at RGNIYD should be monitored to make the units operational at the earliest.**

## Department of Sports

### Observations/Recommendations

1. The Committee notes that the Department of Sports has utilised 90% of Rs. 2000.00 crore received in RE 2019-20. Within the overall increase of Rs. 100.42 crores from RE 2019-20 of the Department, while there is an increase in Khelo India allocation (from Rs. 578.00 crore in RE 2019-20 to Rs. 890.42 crore in BE 2020-21), allocation for Assistance to National Sports Federations (from Rs. 300.85 crore in RE 2019-20 to Rs. 245.00 crore in BE 2020-21), and National Sports Development Fund (from 77.15 crore in RE 2019-20 to Rs. 50.00 crore in BE 2020-21) and some other schemes have been reduced. The Committee notes that major international sporting events in Boxing, Shooting, Athletics, Wrestling, Archery etc. and Olympic Games-2020 Paralympics Games -2020, Commonwealth Youth Games-2021, Commonwealth Youth Games-2022, Asian Games-2022 and Youth Olympics-2022 are lined up in coming 1-2 years. The Committee feels that the Department should train selected sportspersons to compete at international level with an aim of winning medals and recommends that enhancement of budget may be pursued with the Ministry of Finance at RE stage and ensure that the preparation for mega events do not suffer due to shortage of money.

(Para-2.2)

### Action Taken

The Department has utilized 99.47% of allocated funds received in RE for year 2019-20. Department is ensuring that all facilities including sports infrastructure, sports equipments, provision of foreign coaches, support personnel such as physiotherapists, masseurs, mentors, sports psychologists, food and supplements etc are provided to the selected athletes undergoing training at coaching camps. Further, customized training of elite athletes included in Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme is being funded through National Sports Development Fund. Funds will not be a constraint for the Ministry for preparing Indian sportspersons and athletes - participants so that they win maximum medals for the country in international sports events including mega sports events.

The details of Vertical-wise funds released under Khelo India Scheme during 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21 (as on 30.11.2020) is as under:

(Amount in Rs. Cr.)

S. No.	Vertical	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
1	Play Fields Development	-	1.95	6.25	0.17	8.37
2	Community Coaching Development	2.00	-	0.72		2.72
3	State Level Khelo India Centers	16.81	-	43.00	16.25	76.06
4	Annual Sports Competitions	35.79	48.01	83.93	7.27	175.00
5	Utilization and creation of Sports Infrastructure	218.18	216.86	278.22	61.68	774.94
6	Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies	61.84	20.00	110.24	69.76	261.84
7	Talent Search & Development					
8	Physical Fitness of School going Children	-	-	13.25	6.47	19.72

9	Sports for Women	-	2.20	9.50	2.23	13.93
10	Sports for Peace & Development	4.31	23.05	4.20	0.04	31.60
11	Promotion of sports among persons with disabilities	6.07	4.24	2.25	1.17	13.73
12	Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games	1.99	3.36	11.75	6.18	23.28
	<b>Total (for 12 verticals)</b>	<b>346.99</b>	<b>319.67</b>	<b>563.31</b>	<b>171.22</b>	<b>1401.19</b>
a)	Technical Support and Capacity Building Services (TSCBS)		22.57	12.21	-	34.78
b)	Monitoring	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Grand Total (for Khelo India Scheme)</b>	<b>346.99</b>	<b>342.24</b>	<b>575.52</b>	<b>171.22</b>	<b>1435.97</b>

The Department further stated that Sports being a state subject, the responsibility of developing the sport at grass roots, including developing the requisite infrastructure, lies with the states. The SAI's mandate is excellence in sports and towards this the strategy is to establish NCOEs to provide an enabling environment to athletes for achieving excellence and also to harness the potential of the various developed sports academies, which have been producing excellent athletes in different disciplines, and strengthened them further by financial and infrastructure support under Khelo India Scheme. In these NCOEs SAI has decided to undertake infrastructure up gradation, provisioning of latest equipments of Sports Science and Sports specific equipment. Further Coaches and support staff especially of sports science are being hired on contract. In addition, under Khelo India vertical of State Level Khelo India Centres (SLKIC), Khelo India Centre of Excellence will be established in each state. 1000 Khelo India centres recommended by the state would be funded with the help of Champion athlete. Additionally, 500 private academies, which have been producing good results at State or National level would be identified in consultation with NSFs and funded under the Khelo India Scheme.

**Khelo India Centres:** Out of 61 Extension Centres that have recently been converted into Khelo India Centres under the State Level Khelo India Centre Vertical of Khelo India Scheme **28** are schools where-in funding for recurring components is provided from Khelo India scheme (*State-wise list of 28 schools is enclosed at Annexure - A*).

ii) **Sports Schools:** At present, the following 09 Sports schools (Govt. ) have been approved as a pilot project:

SN	Sports School	State
1	KV Ghaziabad	Uttar Pradesh
2	KV No.1 Delhi Cantt.	New Delhi
3	KV Sidhi	Madhya Pradesh
4	KV NO. Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh
5	Army Public School Dhaulakuan	New Delhi
6	Army Public School Shankar Vihar	New Delhi
7	Army Public School Delhi Cantt.	New Delhi
8	Assam Rifles Public School, Shillong	Meghalaya
9	ITBP Public School Dwarka	New Delhi



### **iii) Private schools as model residential sports schools:**

As a pilot project, above-mentioned 09 Sports schools administered by Government / Paramilitary forces have been approved based on availability of infrastructure and talent. However, only 04 Kendriya Vidyalayas could be made operational and the remaining 05 sports schools (Sr. No. 5-9 above) could not be made operational due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Further, in addition to 10 schools have been identified and supported under National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme, several schools (28) are also supported under the Extension Centre Scheme / Khelo India Centres..

It is submitted that the school which can be adopted have to have sufficient sports infrastructure in that discipline and should be willing to prioritize sport for their students. The schemes, such as, NCoE, Sports Training Centre(STC), Akharas, Army Boys Sports Company(ABSC) are all directed at identifying and nurturing students from very early age. The students so admitted are apart from training, boarding/lodging etc. are provided with educational assistance which includes the expenditure on their tuition fee etc. and admission through a tie-up with the neighbouring schools. Therefore, although the number of regular schools adopted is not on higher side but most of the athletes are all school going students.

In addition, 4 Kendriya Vidyalayas have been adopted and are being supported, 3 Army Public Schools, 2 schools run by Paramilitary Force namely Assam Rifle Public School, Shillong and ITBP Public School, Dwarka, Delhi have also been adopted under Khelo India Scheme and support will be extended as per norms

### **Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee recommends that the Department should intensify its efforts for broadcasting of sport talent and should also take all measures to ensure that the athletes do not suffer due to the lack of funds. All efforts should be put in place to facilitate the sportspersons to stay competitive so that they can win medals for the country in the different events lined up in the near future. Further, more efforts be made for associating the corporate sector for creating sports infrastructure and training athletes.**

### **Observations/Recommendations**

2. The Committee notes with concern that around half of the players selected did not join the academics due to lack of adequate education facilities, adequate financial support etc. and feels that while the country had no dearth of sporting talent, but the desired level of support needed to encourage the players was lacking. The Committee recommends that the issue needs serious consideration and needs to be resolved at the earliest to win more medals and reach the higher goal of being in the list of top ten performing countries in sports.

(Para-3.10)

### **Action Taken**

Under Khelo India, talent selected gets financial support of Rs. 6,28,400/- per year. In this regard the selected trainees are regularly contacted through SAI Call center to convincing them to join accredited academy by next academic session. Further with the help of NSFs the trainees are convinced about the benefits of the scheme and accredited academy.

The facilities provided in SAI Schemes like National Centres of Excellence (NCOE), SAI Training Centres (STC), Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC) as Residential scheme and Extension Centres of STCs, National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) as Non-Residential scheme is reviewed and enhancement is made from time to time.

### **Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee notes the steps taken by the Department to motivate the budding sports- persons to join the academics. The Committee recommends that the Department should take a feedback from the sportspersons who do not join the academics to ascertain the reasons for the same and devise suitable intervention strategies to attract these sports persons to the academics accordingly.**

### **Observations/Recommendations**

3. The Committee observes that Netaji Subhash Institute of Sports Science, Patiala is playing very important role in training the sports professionals, conducting research in sports and sports sciences, providing coaching to sportspersons in various disciplines and giving scientific support to elite sportspersons. The Committee feels that in modern times for promotion and excellence of sports at international level, the country needs institute like NSISS, Patiala to run with the time. The Committee recommends that the Ministry while giving financial support to this institute also make endeavor to establish such institute in other parts of the country.

(Para-11.4)

### **Action Taken**

In view of the suggestions redesigning and up gradation of syllabus for diploma coaching has been undertaken. NIS Patiala is strengthened by manpower & scientific equipments under NCOE schemes. NCCSR is being established at New Delhi for research and scientific support to athletes.

### **Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee expresses its satisfaction that NCCSR is being established at New Delhi for research and scientific support to athletes. The Committee, however, would like to recommend that the Department should explore the feasibility of setting up such centres in different parts of the country to promote sports in the country.**

### **Observations/Recommendations**

4. The Committee perceives that there is no substitute for training for achieving excellence in sports for which specialized coaches are a pre requisite. The Committee takes note of the vacancies of coaches in SAI and feels that when such situation is prevailing in a premier institute such as SAI which is one of its own kind in the country, what would be the

position outside and the impact it is having on the grooming of sportsperson is un called for. The Committee recommends that urgent steps should be taken for filling up of the vacancies of coaches so as to ensure that the country attains high position in sports.

(Para-12.4)

### **Action Taken**

Presently there are 1016 Coaches in position (775 Regular, 08 on Deputation and 233 on Contract basis) against sanctioned strength 1524. The cadre restructuring of SAI is under process and number of coaches will be increased as per proposed recruitment rules.

### **Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee notes that the vacancies have been existing in SAI for quite some time and therefore recommends upon the Department to take time bound action to fill up the vacancies at the earliest.**

### **Observations/Recommendations**

5. The Committee observes that Khelo India Scheme is very ambitious plan for overall development of sports. The budget allocation for Khelo India has been increased from Rs.578.00 crore in RE 2019-20 to Rs.890.42 crore in BE 2020-21. The Committee hopes that the Ministry would utilize the enhanced allocation towards furthering the expansion of sports for winning laurels in sports for the country.

(Para-13.11)

### **Action Taken**

The funds allocated for Khelo India Scheme shall be utilized at its best for development of sports in the country by promoting mass participation and towards achieving excellence in sports.

### **Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee recommends that the Department should provide the programmes chalked out under the Khelo India Scheme for promoting the sportspersons so that they win medals for the country at international events.**

### **Observations/Recommendations**

6. The Committee observes that National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) is a corpus which provides financial assistance to various institutes and sportspersons for development of sports. It has given Rs.52.81 crore to such organization / institutes / universities in the year 2017-18 for various sports activities. The Committee is constrained to note that in the financial year 2019-20, contribution from Private and Public Sector to NSDF is only RS 5.00 lakh, and there is a steep fall in the contribution from Private and Public Sector in NSDF which is a cause of concern. The Committee is of the view that PSUs being government undertakings their funds belong to Government and should be directly sought under CSR from Public Sector Companies or else the Government should take it directly from PSUs into its financial resources and then give it to the Department of Sports.

(Para-16.8)

**Action Taken**

Contributions received from PSUs to NSDF during 2019-20 was Rs. 2.38 crore. There was no contribution by private sector to NSDF except contribution of Rs.5100/- by an NGO, viz. Sacred Tree Foundation. Ministry has taken up the matter the PSUs / PSBs and the administrative Ministries of the concerned PSUs / PSBs to generously contribute to NSDF from their CSR funds.

**Further Recommendation of the Committee**

**The Committee stresses upon the fact that NSDF needs to be strengthened to promote our sportspersons and encourage the budding talents in different parts of the country. The Committee, therefore, again recommends that the Department should look for ways to boost the Fund by obtaining resources vide CSR contributions. The Department should consult the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to ensure that CSR contributions to NSDF can be facilitated.**

**CHAPTER IV**  
**OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH FINAL**  
**REPLIES OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE STILL AWAITED**

**NIL**

## **OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE – AT A GLANCE**

**The Committee recommends that the Department should expedite the process of filling up the vacancies in the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan as it an important organisation for connecting the youth if the country and its overall efficiency is of crucial importance. Further, the Department should utilize the resources judiciously and ensure that wastages are reduced to the minimum.**

**(para-4.9)**

**The Committee strongly recommends that the Department should pursue the matter for removal of encroachments of Youth Hosels in a time bound manner and even convene a meeting with concerned States to resolve the issue at the earliest.**

**(Para-8.4)**

**The Committee recommends that the proposal to open more NSS units should be considered favourably by the Department and a decision on it should be taken at the earliest. NSS is a very dynamic channel for connecting the youth to the process of nation building and opening of more units will help increase its outreach.**

**(Para-10.7)**

**The Committee recommends that the Department should expedite the process of making the Youth Training Centre at Alipur, Delhi operational at the earliest. The construction work at RGNIYD should be monitored to make the units operational at the earliest.**

**(Para-11.5)**

**The Committee recommends that the Department should intensify is efforts for broadcasting of sport talent and should also take all measures to ensure that the athletes do not suffer due to the lack of funds due to ongoing COVID – 19 pandemic restrictions. All efforts should be put in place to facilitate the sportspersons to stay competitive so that they can win medals for the country in the different events lined up in the near future. Further, more efforts be made for associating the corporate sector for creating sports infrastructure and training athletes.**

**(Para-2.2)**

**The Committee notes the steps taken by the Department to motivate the budding sports persons to join the academics. The Committee recommends that the Department should take a feedback from the sportspersons who do not join the academics to ascertain the reasons for the same and devise suitable intervention strategies to attract these sports persons to the academics accordingly.**

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**(Para-16.8)**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED  
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, WOMEN,  
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SPORTS**

**IV**

**FOURTH MEETING**

**The Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports met at 11.00 A.M. on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 in Committee Room 'A', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**RAJYA SABHA**

1. **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde** - *Chairman*
2. Smt Arpita Ghosh
3. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
4. Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
5. Shri Gopal Narayn Singh
6. Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh
7. Shri G.K. Vasani

**LOK SABHA**

8. Shri Rajendra Agarwal
9. Shri Santokh Singh Chaudhary
10. Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu
11. Shri Sangamlal Kadedin Gupta
12. Shri Sadashiv Kisan Lokhande
13. Shri Balak Nath
14. Shri Ratansinh Magansinh Rathod
15. Shri Jagannath Sarkar
16. Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma
17. Shri Dharmbir Singh

**SECRETARIAT**

Dr. Shikha Darbari, Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor  
Shri Rajiva Srivastava, Director  
Shri Sammer Kapoor, Deputy Secretary  
Shri Mohit Misra, Committee Officer  
Smt. Suman Khurana, Committee Officer

At the outset, the Chairman, welcomed the members of the Committee and informed them that the meeting had been called to consider and adopt the following draft reports:

- (i) No. 317 on the subject "Preparation for Olympics - 2021"
- (ii) No. 318 reg ATR on 311th Report on Khelo India Scheme;



(iii) No. 319 reg ATR on 315th Report on Demands for Grants 2020-21 (Demand No. 101) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

2. Thereafter, the convener of the Sub Committee made a power-point presentation to the Committee on the draft 317<sup>th</sup> Report on Preparations for Olympics-2021 and informed that they had made 48 recommendations under 11 headings for short, medium and long term action plan to lay a road map for increasing India's medal tally in the coming Olympics. The Committee then discussed the draft report and adopted it.

3. The Committee then took up for discussion the draft 318th & 319th Reports and adopted them after some discussion.

4. The Committee keeping in view the fact that only a few months were remaining for the Olympics authorized the Chairman, to present the Reports to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha in the inter-session period so that the Ministry can take action on the recommendations of the Committee. Concluding the meeting, the Chairman sought suggestions on the subjects to be taken up for consideration and asked them to send them by e-mail.

5. The meeting then adjourned at 12.20 P.M.

NEW DELHI  
23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020

RAJIVA SRIVASTAVA  
DIRECTOR

