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25.	Sports Authority of India	58.61
26.	Lakshmibai National University of Physical Education	15.00
27.	National Welfare Fund for sportspersons	1.00
28.	Other expenditure	0.42

#### **Opening of sports academies in States**

2019. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open a sports academy in each State with a view to promote sports in the country; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) and (b) The Government of India proposes to set up National Sports Academies (NSA) for Seniors and Juniors at various places in the country to nurture sporting talent spotted through various avenues. However, the scheme is in conceptual stage and hence it would not be possible to furnish further details at this juncture.

#### **Discrimination against female sports persons**

2020. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the complaints received by Government regarding discriminations made against women players in various sports in the country and the steps taken by Government to ensure equal opportunity to men and women in sports;

(b) the steps taken by Government for increasing participation of the women including those belonging to rural areas and the tribal sector in sports;

(c) whether any recent initiative has been taken by Government for active participation of girls/women in national and international sporting events; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made/expected as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) to (d) The Government has not received any complaint regarding discrimination made against women players in various sports in the country.

For ensuring equal opportunity for women in sports, all schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports Authority of India, aiming at mass participation in sports and promotion of excellence in sports are inclusive schemes and are equally applicable to women sportspersons.

Sports competitions conducted under Scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), which was introduced during 2008-09, revised in 2014 as 'Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan' (RGKA) provide a great opportunity for girls to take part in sports in large numbers, as the Scheme of RGKA operates from the grassroots level. Further, under the scheme, sports competitions exclusively for women are organized every year at district, State and national levels through out the country.

Further, efforts are constantly being made to increase the intake of the number of sports women under various sports promotional schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI).

Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, the NSFs conduct national championships for women also in all the three categories, namely, senior, junior and sub-junior.

Due to various steps taken by the Government, women sportspersons have performed very well in major international events including Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

#### **Implementation of NSTSS in rural areas**

2021. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to implement a National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) in Universities and colleges, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the scheme will be implemented in the rural parts of the country to nurture the sporting talent and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) No Sir. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is proposing to implement the National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) in schools with the following objectives :—

- (i) Identification of sporting talent among students in the age group of 8–12 years (for admission in Class IV to Class VI) who possess inborn qualities such as anthropometric, physical and physiological capabilities without any anatomical infirmities.