

**Training of sports women**

†2873. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sports women in the country are not getting support for their training from Government, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) details of types of support provided by Government to the sports women for their training; and
- (c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) All Sports Promotional Schemes of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYA&S) are gender neutral. All sportspersons either male or female are treated at par and provided with same facilities during the training camps and national/international tournaments/championships. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing Sports Promotional Schemes across the country to identify talented sportspersons including women sportspersons. Presently, out of 14143 talented sportspersons being trained under SAI Schemes in 27 sports disciplines on Residential and Non-Residential basis in 281 SAI sports centres, 4300 are women sportspersons.

Also, the revamped 'Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports' aims at strengthening the entire sports ecosystem to promote the twin national objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country. It has a dedicated vertical 'Sports for Women' to promote gender equity by providing exclusive avenues for women to participate in Sports through a National Level competitions for women.

Under the component Khelo India Talent Development of Khelo India Scheme, a total of 1518 athletes have been identified so far inclusive of boys and girls, out of which 774 are women sportspersons.

- (c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

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