

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2235
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PARTICIPATION OF GIRLS IN SPORTS

2235 Dr. K. Laxman:

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

- (a) special efforts made by Government during the last five years to motivate girl students towards sports in schools, the details thereof;
- (b) the ratio of participation of girl students in sports in urban and rural areas;
- (c) whether any concrete steps have been taken by Government to raise the level of sports especially for the girl students at the school level in view of the increasing international competition; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country, including motivating girl students towards sports, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the various sports promotional schemes in the country:

(i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI).

The above Schemes are gender neutral and cater to both male and female sportspersons and take care of development of sports amongst women. Further, one sub component of the "Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports" component of Khelo India Scheme, namely, 'Sports for women' caters specifically to promote sports among women.

Further, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing a centrally sponsored Integrated Scheme for School Education 'Samagra Shiksha', effective from 2018-19, which includes the Sports and Physical Education component, under which provision for grants for sports equipment for indoor and outdoor games in all government schools has been made

(b) No such data is being maintained by this Ministry.

(c) & (d) Realizing the need for holistic development of school going children, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, has introduced, Sports and Physical

Education component for encouragement of Sports, Physical activities, Yoga, Co-curricular activities etc. A provision has also been made for Government schools for grant for sports equipment at the rate of ₹ 5000 for Primary Schools, ₹ 10,000 for upper primary schools and up to ₹ 25,000 for secondary and senior secondary schools per annum. In addition, as per new norms of the scheme, an additional grant upto ₹ 25000 per school will be provided to schools in case at least 2 students of that school win the medal in Khelo India Games.

Also, Ministry of Education has issued guidelines to States and UTs to ensure proper utilization of sports grant. These guidelines include an indicative list of age-appropriate sports equipment for government schools. Sport specific equipment may also be chosen by the schools, based on availability of infrastructure in the school including availability of playfield etc. States and UTs have been advised to encourage schools to include traditional/regional games of the respective State/Region.
