

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.742
ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023**

Sports Training to Children with Dynamic Musculoskeletal Flexibilities

**742. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the children indulged in begging at traffic signals and in trains are showing dynamic Musculoskeletal Flexibilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to adopt and prepare them for gymnastics events on pilot project basis;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time likely to be taken for the same?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) to (e): Promotion of a specific sport discipline is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF), which in the case of gymnastics is the Gymnastic Federation of India (GFI). The Government supplements the efforts of GFI by providing financial assistance for training and participation of Indian gymnasts in international sporting events, in hosting of National and International Championships in India, and for purchase of equipment etc.

As informed by the GFI, gymnastics is a discipline which promotes physical well being of children. Musculoskeletal Flexibility may be advantageous, but is not the key parameter to assess potential in gymnastics since pursuing the sport of gymnastics also, inter alia, requires strength, balance, technique and concentration. Further, the GFI has informed that it has currently no plans to adopt and prepare such children for gymnastics.
