

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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PRIORITY TO GYMNASTICS TABLE TENNIS AND DIVING  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the comparative figures of per capita expenditure on sports in India, China Korea and other countries;
- (b) whether Gymnastics, Table Tennis and Diving are the areas where neither big amount of money nor physical strength and heights are required;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not giving much priorities to these sports; and
- (d) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to improve these disciplines considering the achievements of China and Korea in these fields?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (MS. UMA BHARTI)

- (a): Information is being collected.
- (b): Yes, Sir. As compared to some other games, these games do not require big amount of money. However, so far as physical strength and height are concerned these are assets even in these games.
- (c): Gymnastic, Table Tennis and Swimming have been given due priority.
- (d): Information is being collected.