

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:65
ANSWERED ON:29.02.2000
NEW NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY .
P.R. KHUTE

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

- (a) whether the government have chalked out a new National Sports Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said policy is likely to be announced ?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)
(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 65
29.02.2000 REGARDING NEW NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY ASKED BY SHRI P. R. KHUNTE

(a) & (b): The Government of India is in the process of formulating a new National Sports Policy with a view to lay stress upon broad-basing of sports and achieve excellence in performance. The aim is to integrate sports and physical education with the educational curriculum. The following areas are likely to receive special attention.

- (i) up-gradation and development of infrastructure;
- (ii) support to the National Sports Federations and other appropriate bodies;
- (iii) strengthening of scientific and coaching support to sports;
- (iv) incentives to sports persons;
- (v) enhanced participation of women, tribals and rural youth; and
- (vi) creation of greater awareness to promote sports mindedness in the public at large.

(c) The policy will be announced as soon as feasible, after consultation is completed with all concerned, including National Sports Federations, State Governments and Distinguished Sports persons.