

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:424
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2005
SPORT AS SUBJECT IN SCHOOL
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include sport as a compulsory subject at school and college level to raise the standard of sports in the country;
- (b) whether a conference of Union and State Ministers of Sports was held recently to discuss the matter;
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (d) whether any directions have been given to States in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.424 FOR 26.04.2005 ASKED BY SHRI ARJUN SETHI AND SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR REGARDING SPORTS AS SUBJECT IN SCHOOL

(a) The National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) under the Ministry of Human Resource Development in its National Curriculum Framework for School education (NCFSE) has proposed that 'Health and Physical Education' should be an integral part of school curriculum. Sports activities have been included under this head. The detailed plans of the Courses are to be prepared and implemented by the State Governments and Boards of School Education. In most of the states, Health and Physical Education finds a place as a compulsory subject upto secondary stage. At the higher secondary stage, it is one of the optional subjects. However, NCERT has, in 2004, set up Focus Groups including a Group on Health and Physical Education to deliberate on various aspects of the curriculum.

(b) A meeting of States Sports Ministers/Secretaries was held on 16th February, 2005 at New Delhi.

(c) One of the key issues, which emerged out of the discussions, was the need for greater stress on physical education in educational institutions.

(d) & (e): 'Sports' is a State subject. As such, no directions are required to be given by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to the States in this regard.