

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:201

ANSWERED ON:06.12.2005

SPORTS IN SCHOOLS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBSE has prepared any plan to promote sports in schools across the country as reported in The Hindustan Times dated November 17, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBSE has formulated any scheme for awarding of scholarships to the students who possess talents in sports;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the sports identified therefor; and

(e) the further measures taken by the Government to encourage sports at school level?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 201 FOR ANSWER ON 06.12.2005 ASKED BY SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA, M.P AND SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL, M.P REGARDING "SPORTS IN SCHOOLS".

(a) to (d): Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced "Chacha Nehru Sports Scholarships" for the Sports Talents with effect from academic session 2005-06 to courage and nurture sports talent among students of schools affiliated to it. Scholarships (for 14 different games) will be awarded each year at the rate of Rs. 500/- per month for students of Class IX-XII with talent in sports, identified on the basis of performance in various games at National level Competition organized by the Board. The 14 identified sports are - Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Football, Kho-Kho, Judo, Handball, Hockey, Skating Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis and Volleyball. 50 scholarships will be awarded in the first year, and the number will increase to 200 in the fourth year.

(e): Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports under its scheme : "Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools" provides financial grants @ Rs. 75,000/- per district and @ Rs.3,00,000/- per State for holding district and State level inter-school tournaments respectively in certain disciplines. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is given assistance @ Rs 2,00,000/- per discipline for conduct of national level tournaments. The school performing best at the national level tournaments is given an award of Rs 1,00,000/- along with a rolling trophy.