

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

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS .
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make physical education compulsory in schools at higher secondary stage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps initiated by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)
(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

(d) Higher secondary stage is a stage of specialization. Students are given options to pursue their interest in the subject of their choice. Those students who have interest in health and physical education will definitely opt for it. They can also go for some of the vocational courses related to health and physical education. Further, one of the 21 Focus Groups constituted by the NCERT for the purpose of curriculum framework renewal is on Health and Physical education that has examined, deliberated and arrived at certain conclusions in respect of this subject area. This group has recommended this subject area to be optional subject at the higher education stage and a compulsory subject upto secondary stage.