

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PARTICIPATION OF FEMALE IN NATIONAL GAMES

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

- (a) the details of existing female coaches for various games in the country;
- (b) the percentage of participation of female community at national level in the games; and
- (c) the special projects being implemented by the Government of encourage games among the girls?

Answer

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

(a) Sports Authority of India (SAI) has employed 195 female coaches.

(b) The Government of India is implementing, through SAI, the following schemes specifically for participation of women sports persons:-

i) To promote sports among women, the National Sports Festival for Women is conducted from the grass root level to National level involving only women sports-persons in 12 sports discipline. During 2003-04 in the National level festival, a total of 2366 women sports-persons participated from various states.

ii) The women sports-persons also participated in the All India Rural Sports Tournament and North East Sports Festival, the percentage of women participation in these competitions during 2003-04 were 36.94% and 37.89% respectively.

iii) Under the Sports Scholarship Scheme, 3261 women sports persons were awarded scholarships to recognize their outstanding performance at National and State level and also to assist them for pursuing a career in sports and physical education.

iv) With a view to arouse sports consciousness and encouragement of sports amongst women, the Government is implementing the scheme entitled 'National Sports Championship for Women'. Under the scheme, sports championships, involving women sports-persons are organised at block, district, State and National levels.

(c) The following sports promotional schemes to scout & nurture the talented sportspersons, male and female in the age group ranging from 8-25 years, are being implemented in the country by Sports Authority of India.

- i) National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC) (Male & Female)
- ii) Army Boys Sports Company Scheme (ABSC) (Male)
- iii) Special Area Games (SAG) (Male & Female)
- iv) SAI Training Centre (STC) (Male & Female)
- v) Centre of Excellence (COX) (Male & Female)

Under the schemes, SAI annually conducts talent scouting through its Regional Centres, Sub-Centres and Units to select the best talent both in male and female category and admit them on residential and non-residential basis in 28 sports disciplines to impart

systematic and scientific training helping them to achieve excellence at the national and international level.

Except Army Boys Sports company Schemes (ABSC) which is meant exclusively for male trainees, a total of 9344 trainees were trained during 2003-04 in 28 disciplines, of which, 2754 were female trainees. The scheme wise percentage of female trainees during 2003-04 is given as below:-

Name of Scheme	Males	Females	Total	% of Female
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NSTC	1615	0515	2130	24.18
STC	3712	1753	5465	32.08
SAG	1015	0363	1378	26.34
COX	0248	0123	0371	33.15