

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

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SHORTAGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS
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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 all schools and colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of Physical Education teachers sanctioned and actually appointed in each State/Union Territory including Delhi during each of the last three years and in the current year;
- (d) whether there is any shortage of physical education teachers in the country; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)&(b) National Curriculum Framework (NCF) – 2005, formulated by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), recommends Health and Physical Education to be a compulsory subject from the primary to the secondary stages and as an optional subject at higher secondary stage.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) provides for teaching of Physical Education as core curriculum in Classes I to X. In classes XI and XII it is offered as an elective subject.

There is no proposal to make Physical Education compulsory in Colleges.

(c)to(e) Information on the number of physical education teachers sanctioned and appointed State-wise is not maintained by this Ministry as a majority of the schools come under the purview of the State Governments. As per the 7th All India School Educational Survey conducted by NCERT with 30.9.2002 as the reference date, 62% of secondary schools and 66.8% of higher secondary schools in the country had teachers exclusively for physical education/training/Yoga. As far as Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Navodyala Vidyalayas (NVs) are concerned, the numbers of posts of physical education teachers sanctioned and actually working during the last three years and in the current year are as given below:

	Number of Physical Education Teachers Sanctioned				Number of Physical Education Teachers actually working			
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	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
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KVs	838	911	929	935	793	865	833	892
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NVs	817	844	898	965	749	806	855	929
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Recruitment of teachers in KVs and NVs is a continuous process and is made from time to time to fill up the vacancies. For the schools under the purview of State Governments, it is for the State Government to take appropriate action to ensure availability of physical education teachers.