

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

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SPORTS IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is contemplating to include sports in the curriculum of Educational Institutions;
- (b) If so, whether the Government has received any proposal from the States including Maharashtra in the regard;
- (c) If so, the details thereof, State-wise; (
- (d) Whether required number of physical education teachers are available in the schools for the purpose;
- (e) Whether the Government is considering to issue guidelines to the State Governments for including sports in the curriculum and appointing physical education teachers;
- (f) If so, whether the Government is likely to fix a time-in the regard; and
- (g) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) National Curriculum Framework (NCF)- 2005 has conceptualized Health and Physical Education as an integral subject area. The syllabi of Health and Physical Education from Classes I to X, drawn up in light of NCF -2005, incorporate sports and games as continuing activities at all stages of school education. Physical education including sports is an integral part of the core curriculum of Classes I to X in schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Several states also have Health and Physical Education as a compulsory subject up to secondary stage.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) As per the 7th All India Schools Education Survey (AISES), with reference date as 30.9.2002, 62% of secondary schools in the country had teachers for Physical Education, physical training or Yoga. CBSE gives affiliation only to those schools which have at least one qualified Physical Education teachers. Physical Education teachers are available in adequate number in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas.
- (e) NCF-2005 recommends Health and Physical Education to be compulsory upto the secondary stage.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise.