

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF SPORTS IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds to promote sports activities and sportspersons at school level in consultation with the State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include sports in the school curriculum to improve the standards of sports and sportspersons in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce compulsory period for sports in schools and colleges; and
- (f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b): More stress, including by way of higher budgetary allocations is being laid on promotion of sports activities and sportspersons at school level under various schemes of the Ministry and Sports Authority of India (SAI). For identification of sports talent among school children and training of them, SAI is implementing following schemes:

- (i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
- (ii) Army Boys Sports Company
- (iii) SAI Training Centres (STC)
- (iv) Special Area Games (SAG)
- (v) Extension Centres of STC/SAG
- (vi) Centres of Excellence

(c) to (f): The National Education Policy 1986 and the National Curriculum Framework 2005 (NCF) already provide that sports and physical education are an integral part of the learning process, and are necessary for overall development of learners. NCF states that recognizing Health and Physical Education as a core subject, physical education must continue to be a compulsory subject from the primary to the secondary stages and as an optional subject at the higher secondary stage.

In consonance with these ideas, National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has recently developed the syllabi of Health and Physical Education for all stages of school education as a core subject and for classes XI and XII as an optional subject.