

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to lay special emphasis on sports in rural areas specially on girls;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of funds, allocated/ spent /utilised on gender budgeting on sports related projects/schemes; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes, to raise the spending for encouraging girls in rural areas to take up sports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (d) Yes Madam. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled `Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan` (PYKKA) is being implemented through the State Governments/Union Territories from 2008-09, for creation of basic sports infrastructure in all village and block panchayats and organizing annual competition at block, district, states and national level. Under this programme, all rural youth, including girls, would have easy access to playfields and can take part in sports competitions being organized at block, district, state and national levels.

Sports facilities available at Sports Authority of India Centers (SAI) across India are equally accessible to women sportspersons. The number of female trainees at various SAI centers across the country during 2008-09 was 4,537, which constitute 30 percent of the total strength of trainees in SAI

Efforts are always made to promote gender parity in all the schemes as part of inclusive sports. A Scheme of National Championship for Women is in operation since 1975, which aims at promoting sports among women. Financial assistance is provided to State Government for holding sports competitions. In the National Sports Championships for Women held during 2008-09 at Bhubaneswar, Kolkata and Hamirpur, 2,681 women sportspersons competed in 12 sports disciplines.