

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

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SCHEMES TO ENCOURAGE SPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has any scheme to encourage sports in various institutions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the UGC has offered any scholarship to students in this regard;
- (d) if so, the manner in which the UGC evolves new schemes and to ensure that students in the universities give importance to physical education and sports, etc.; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the implementation of the scheme?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) & (b): According to information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), UGC provides grants to Universities for Adventure Sports and Development of sports infrastructure and Equipment under the Merged Scheme during XI Plan. An amount of Rs.6609.5 lakh has been provided to 154 Universities, during XI Plan.
- (c) to (e): According to information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), there is no scheme of providing scholarship to students in this regard. However, UGC provides financial assistance to institutions for the development of infrastructure.