

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

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PROMOTING SPORTS AMONG WOMEN
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps for eradicating gender disparity in sports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken for promoting women in sports;
- (c) whether the various schemes for promoting sports in the country provide for the distinctive dietary/training needs of sportswomen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to provide special incentives to distinguished sportswomen?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (Dr. M.S.GILL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 286 for answer on 30.11.2010 regarding 'Promoting Sports among Women' by Shri Hemanand Biswal and Shrimati Harsimrat Kaur Badal.

(a) & (b): All schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and Sports Authority of India (SAI), including those related to spotting and nurturing of sportspersons, cash incentives and national sports awards are gender neutral, and sportswomen and sportsmen are treated equally.

Further, conscious efforts are being made to encourage the participation of women in sports. The Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), which aims at the creation of playfields in village and block panchayats and equivalent units, besides providing access to organized sports competitions, lays special emphasis on participation of girls in sports. An exclusive national championship for women is also held under PYKKA. The performance of women in various national and international events, including the recently concluded Commonwealth Games, 2010 and the Asian Games, 2010 is comparable with that of men, and in some events like track and field events, the women have out performed the men.

(c): Dietary needs are not worked out according to gender, but under power and non-power category. The diet also varies according to body weight. The training and fitness regimes are tailor-made to suit the individual sport and athlete.

(d): Uniform incentives are available under the Scheme of Special Awards to winners of medals in international sports events and their coaches and Scheme of Pension to meritorious Sportspersons for women and men sportspersons.