

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SPORTS IN SCHOOL EDUCATION

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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 in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the steps taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether required number of physical educational teachers are available in the schools for the said purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a): National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 recognizes health and physical education as a core subject and recommends that it should be a compulsory subject from the primary to the secondary stages and an optional subject at the higher secondary stage. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has directed its affiliated schools to ensure that each and every student takes part in at least two sports activities of her/his choice out of 13 activities given for classes VI to VIII & 8 activities given for classes IX to X as part of the continuous and comprehensive evaluation (CCE) scheme.

(b) to (e): NCF-2005 emphasizes comprehensive health and physical education curriculum. It is for States/Union Territories to develop their own curriculum and syllabus based on NCF. Most of the schools come under the purview of the State Governments and physical education teachers are appointed by the respective States. Statistics of these teachers is not maintained by the Central Government.