

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

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

- (a) whether steps have been taken to promote martial arts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme to promote martial arts as a sport among the girls/women in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to include martial arts in the school/college curriculum; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): Yes, Madam

(b) to (d): Government is implementing the scheme of "Assistance to National Sports Federation" under which financial assistance is provided to the recognised National Sports Federation (NSF) to promote sports & games including martial arts for men and women. The financial assistance is provided for training and participation in inter-national events abroad, holding of national/international event in India, coaching/training of national teams / Sportspersons through Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and other scientific support.

Under SAI Sports Promotional Schemes the trainees (Boys & Girls) in the disciplines of martial arts are provided expert coaching in various SAI Centres across the country. The details of such centres number of trainees are given at Annexure-I. The girls trainees are encouraged in the martial arts sports namely Judo, Karate, Taekwondo & Wushu across the country and provided expert coaching to enable them to achieve excellence in National & International level. The details of number of coaches provided under SAI Training Centres (STC) and Special Area Games (SAG) Centres in the four martial arts disciplines are given below.

S.No. Discipline No. of Coaches
STC SAG

1. Judo 15 02

2. Karate 02 01

3. Wushu 03 04

4. Taekwondo 15 04

Total 35 11

- (e) : There is no proposal for including martial arts or any other specific sport discipline in the curriculum of schools and colleges.
- (f): Does not arise.