

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

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INCLUSION OF SPORTS IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include sports in school curriculum to nurture talents in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of physical education teachers available for this purpose;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines to the State Governments for including sports in school curriculum and appointment of physical education teachers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time frame fixed for the purpose; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for its speedy implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (e) Both New Education Policy 1986 and National Curriculum framework 2005 provide that sports and physical education are an integral part of the learning process, and are necessary for overall development of learners.

Since sports is a State subject, the Ministry does not maintain data about physical education teachers in schools.