

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

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SPORTS POLICY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bring in a new National Policy on Sports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a need to spend more money for the development of sports in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the proposed policy is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. There is no proposal to bring in a new National Policy on Sports as the existing National Sports Policy -2001 adequately covers the goals set for both mass participation and the promotion of excellence in sports.
- (c) & (d): Sports is a 'State' subject. Hence the primary responsibility for development of sports including need to spend more money on development of sports is that of State Governments. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States in pursuing the objectives of 'Sports for All' by way of broad-basing of sports infrastructure and mass participation in sports and the promotion of excellence in sports.
- (e) In view of reply to parts (a) & (b) above, question does not arise.