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SPORTS COMPETITIONS IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is ensuring in holding sports competitions in all schools and colleges especially for tribals;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof in the XI Five Year Plan, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the funds allocated and spent for this purpose; and
- (d) the response from students from each State especially from Andhra Pradesh for the period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) organizes Inter School Sports & Games Competitions each year at approximately 160 venues for nearly 9000 Independent category of affiliated schools in as many as 17 disciplines at cluster, zone & National level. For smooth organization of these competitions, the schools have been divided into 16 Clusters and five zones. Andhra Pradesh is part of cluster VII along with Karnataka. Sports competitions in State schools are organized by the respective State Governments.

(c) & (d) The CBSE Inter School Sports & Games Competitions are self-financed educational activity and does not receive any financial aid from the Government. However, the Board disburses fixed Organizational Grant to each of the Organising Schools. It also provides certificates and Medals to all the participants and winners. Each year Board spends approximately Rs.2 Cr. on the conduct of Sports & Games Competitions. Each year over one lakh students participate in the Sports & Games Competitions organized by the Board. The students of nearly 250 Independent Category of Affiliated Schools from Andhra Pradesh participate in these competitions.

In so far as Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is concerned, funds available under the school grants can be used by States/Schools to purchase sports equipment for the schools.