

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF SPORTS IN EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any suggestions/recommendations from various quarters including former sportspersons to include sports in educational curriculum to nurture rural talent;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations received in this regard;
- (c) the action taken by the Government so far on these recommendations;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to amend the sports policy consequent to the rural talent winning more medals in Olympic games; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b) : The Ministry receives suggestions and opinions from time to time from various sources such as experts, eminent persons and sportspersons on various issues relating to development of sports in the country including inclusion of sports in educational curriculum to nurture rural talent. Suggestions relate to introduction of sports as a subject of study in schools as part of text books, children going out and playing on the playfields daily, inclusion of regional sports in curriculum, appointment of physical education teachers keeping in view the recommended teacher-student ratio etc.

(c) The National Curriculum Framework-2005 (NCF-2005) prepared by the National Educational Research and Training (NCERT) recommends Health and Physical Education to be compulsory from primary to secondary stage and as an optional subject at higher secondary stage.

The NCF 2005 emphasizes comprehensive health and physical education curriculum. NCF – 2005 has been circulated to all State/Union Territories. It is for States/Union Territories to develop their own curriculum and syllabus based on NCF.

Physical Education is compulsory from primary to secondary stage

(from classes I – X) and is prescribed as an optional subject at the senior secondary stage (classes XI – XII) in the schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

(d) & (e) There is no proposal to amend the existing National Sports Policy 2001 consequent to the rural talent winning more medals in Olympic Games, as the existing National Sports Policy and the existing Schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports Authority of India already take care of mass participation in sports and promotion of excellence in sports.