

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:297  
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2013  
PROMOTION TO WOMEN SPORTS PERSONS  
Pandurang Shri Munde Gopinathrao

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

- (a) the number of sports schools available for providing training to the women sports persons in various States including Maharashtra in the country along with the present status thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to encourage women in the sports; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 297 FOR ANSWER ON 18.3.2013 REGARDING 'PROMOTION TO WOMEN SPORTS PERSONS' BY SHRI GOPINATH MUNDE:

(a) 'Sports' being in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, the primary responsibility of setting up such sports schools is that of States. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not maintain data about such sports schools.

(b) & (c): All schemes of the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India are inclusive schemes and are equally applicable to women sportspersons. Women sportspersons are trained in various centers of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), which are located across the country including in the State of Maharashtra. Training is imparted under various schemes of SAI such as SAI Training Centres (STCs), Special Area Games (SAGs) and Centres of Excellence (CoE). Under these schemes, talented sportspersons including women, are inducted depending upon their performance. They are nurtured and trained for excellence in national and international sports events. SAI operates four SAI Training Centres (STCs) exclusively for girls namely Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh), Badal (Punjab), Medikeri (Karnataka) and Peddem (Goa).

At 49 STCs, SAGs and CoEs, at present, 4528 sportspersons are being trained on residential basis, out of which, 1943 are women sportspersons.

Further, for encouraging sports among women, sports competitions are held at District, State and National levels under the scheme of National Championship for Women, presently merged with the scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA). Under PYKKA scheme, Master trainers train Kridashrees who in turn train sports-persons at Village and Block level. Presently, there are female master trainers and kridashrees as well. Female sportspersons also participate in PYKKA rural competitions held at Block, District, State and National level.