

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to develop sports science education in India through sports institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount allocated for the purpose during the last three years;
- (c) whether Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or agreement has been signed by the Government with other countries to develop the sports science; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said education is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. In order to focus on the high quality of research study and targets of sports science and medicine for producing sports champions who could spearhead the Indian challenge on the world sporting arena, it was felt necessary to create a national hub which could contribute to the growing corpus of research, as seen in other developed and prominent countries like Australia and China. Accordingly, it has been proposed to set up a National Institute of Sports Sciences and Medicine (NISSM). The proposed NISSM would be leading institute in the country to support high performance of sportspersons and integrate sciences and medicine into the training of elite sportspersons in the country as well as into the teaching curriculum of sport coaching in the country. The key functioning of the proposed institute would be :-

- (i) Performance enhancement research and teaching to promote sports excellence.
- (ii) Dissemination of information in Sports Science and Sports Medicine.
- (iii) Prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of sports injuries.
- (iv) Testing and certification of food supplements and nutraceuticals.
- (v) Accreditation services and training of specialized personnel.

(c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has signed memorandum of understanding with a Number of Countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Belarus, China, Kuba, Turkey, Mauritius and New Zealand on co-operation in the field of Sports, which provide for exchange of experts and information in various filed such as Sports science, Sports Education, Sports Management, Sports infrastructure Development, Physical Education and Fitness Development Programs. Knowledge and expertise emanating from exchange visits are kept in view by the Govt. while framing and reviewing its policies and schemes for promotion and development of Sports in the country.

(d) Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), chaired by the Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance, has approved the proposal for setting up the National Institute of Sports Sciences and Sports Medicine subject to a detailed feasibility report. It was suggested that a Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) containing the budgetary requirement after taking revenue generation into consideration, cost estimates along with project viability be brought before the EFC through a revised proposal. It was therefore been decided to assign the task of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) to National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) which was set up by Ministry of Finance under a Public Private Partnership mode. A sum of Rs.0.40 crore has now been kept in RE 2012-2013 to meet the initial expenditure towards consultancy cost of NSDC. The increase of allocation for BE 2013-14 of Rs.2.00 crore will meet the expected expenditure towards the first steps for setting up of the Institute after due approvals. The proposed primary Institute of Sports Sciences and Sports Medicine is among the priority projects of the Ministry for execution during the 12th Five Year Plan.