

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

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SPORTS FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the poor state of sports in the schools and colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to provide better sports facilities in schools and colleges;
- (c) whether the Government proposed to integrate sports with academics in the schools curriculum; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) Under the PYKKA Scheme, schools receive overriding preference for the creation of playfields/ sports infrastructure at village and block panchayats. The States/ UTs may also consider Ekalavya Model Residential Schools and Ashram Schools also, wherever they exist, during selection of schools for development of sports infrastructure facilities under PYKKA.

(c) & (d) National Physical Fitness Programme (NFPF) was envisaged with an objective of making Physical Education as part of the school curriculum. However, this Programme is still in its initial conceptual stage. Hence, no details could be provided at this stage.