

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SPORTS FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS COLLEGES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that sports in schools and colleges are neglected to the extent that sports teachers are not required;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to encourage sports activities in schools and colleges for the overall betterment of students?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. Government is making effort to encourage sports in schools and colleges. Details are as under: -

- (i) In compliance of the provisions of the RTE Act, 2009, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms have been revised which provide for Physical Training Instructor (part time) at upper primary level.
- (ii) Under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), financial assistance has been given to states for purchase of sports in secondary schools
- (iii) In order to promote sports in higher educational institutions, UGC has implemented a number of schemes during XII Plan i.e. (1) Free Education for Sports Medal Winner/Participants of National/ International Events; (2) Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment in Universities and Colleges; and (3) Establishment of Centre of Excellence for Development of Sports in Universities.

In addition, UGC has been sending, time to time, directions to universities to fill up the vacancies of teachers including sports teachers.

Further, UGC has provided grant to the tune of Rs.312.20 crores to colleges for the development of new or existing outdoor/indoor infrastructure for ensuring greater participation of students in sports activities under the Scheme Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment in Universities and Colleges during the XII Plan.