

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

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

- (a) whether steps are being taken by the Government to bring professionalism in sports administration in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sports administration and fitness vocational courses would be included under the Skill India Project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) Madam, promotion and development of specific sports disciplines is mainly the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs). NSFs are autonomous bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Government does not interfere in their day-to-day affairs which include holding of sports events, selection of players, etc. However, in order to bring in transparency and good governance in sports bodies, the Government has issued guidelines which, inter-alia, provide for inclusion of sportspersons in their executive body with voting rights. These guidelines are contained in the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (NSDCI) which have been made effective from 31-1-2011.

(c) & (d) For skill development in sports sector, Sports Authority of India has identified 20 courses, viz, Sports Massage, Physical Conditioning, Gym Management, Life Guards – Pool Swimming, Personal Fitness Training, Sports Nutrition & Dietetics, Sports Communication, Project/Event Management, Sports Physiology, Prevention and Management of Injuries, Talent Identification in Sports, Rehabilitation and Recovery, Psychology of Sport, Sports Law, Sociology of Sport, Bio-Mechanics of Human Performance, Training Methods, Sports Anthropometry, Research Methodology in Sports and Measurement and Evaluation in Sports. Out of these 20 courses, SAI has already started 7 courses, viz, Physical Conditioning, Bio-Mechanics of Human Performance, Gym Management, Psychology of Sports, Personal Fitness Training, Sports Physiology and Sports Nutrition and Dietetics.
