

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

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Promotion of Sports Among Women
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any schemes to promote sports, specially for women under National Youth Policy 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether such schemes are being undertaken to promote sports for girls especially in the rural areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the fund allocation for the promotion of sports among women in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VJAY GOYAL)

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. "Promotion of Sports" with the objective of "developing a strong and healthy generation equipped to take on future challenges" is one of the key priority areas of the National Youth Policy, 2014. The Department of Sports under the Ministry is implementing the "Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports" by merging the 3 earlier schemes, namely, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan, Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme, and National Sports Talent Search Scheme. The Scheme includes creation of sports infrastructure, identification of sporting talent and conduct of annual sports competitions. The Scheme is open to entire population, i.e., both men and women and covers both rural and urban areas. Both boys and girls participate in sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels. Other schemes of the Department of Sports are also equally available to men and women. The funds allocation for promotion of sports in the country is combined for both men and women. Besides the above, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) under Department of Youth Affairs also promotes sports by providing sports material to youth clubs affiliated to NYKS and by providing assistance for holding of Intra Youth Club Sports Meets at block and district levels. These Schemes are also equally available to men and women.
