

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

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TALENT SEARCH IN SPORTS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to identify and nurture the sports talents at primary school level including by sports as a compulsory subject;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which such talent hubs are likely to be conducted in the country including rural, hilly and tribal areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Government is considering a proposal to launch a scheme known as National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) under which it is proposed to identify sporting talent among students in the age group of 8 to 12 years and to nurture them so as to enable them to participate in National and International sports events, win medals and bring laurels to the country. This proposal is at a conceptual stage at present. Therefore further details cannot be provided at this juncture. As on date there is no proposal to make sports as a compulsory subject at primary school level.