

**Bill No. 284 of 2022**

THE SPORTSPERSONS (RESERVATION IN SPORTS BODIES)  
BILL, 2022

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*to provide for reservation for sportspersons in national sports  
administration bodies in India.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sportspersons (Reservation in Sports bodies) Bill, 2022.

(2) It extends to the whole of India.

5 (3) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification  
in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(b) “sportsperson” means a person who has represented India as a member of the

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement.

Definitions.

national team, or a member of the State or regional team, or has established himself as a sportsperson of international repute in chosen field of sport; and

(c) “sports body” means –

(i) the Indian Olympic Association; or

(ii) Sports Authority of India; or

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(iii) a national sports federation recognized by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs of the Central Government, and its affiliated federations; or

(iv) national sports promotion organizations recognized by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs of the Central Government; or

(v) a federation recognized by the International Olympic Association; or

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(vi) a federation or a body which regulates sport at international level and its affiliated federations or bodies regulating sport in India.

Reservation in  
appointment in  
Sports bodies.

**3.** The Central Government shall reserve fifty percent of administrative posts for sportspersons in sports bodies in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that out of fifty percent reserved posts, twenty percent shall be reserved for women sportspersons.

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Power to remove  
difficulties.

**4.** If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Central Government may, by order, published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as may appear to it to be necessary for removing the difficulty:

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Provided that no such order shall be made under this section after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

Power to make  
rules.

**5. (1)** The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Every rule and every notification or order issued under this Act shall be laid, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both the Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in a such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

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## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Sports play a vital role in physical development of human body. It also plays an important role in psychological conditioning of human brain. Therefore, sports has occupied crucial place in Indian way of life and culture since ages.

Given the wide variety of sports that are played in India, administering them has always been a challenge. India has successfully created various institutions for sports administration at State and National level. However, our sports administration has been many a times proved impediment in allowing emerging sportspersons to realize their full potential and leave a mark of India at international competition.

This bill, seeks to attempt reforms in sports administration through reservation of seats for sportspersons in national sports administrative bodies. Within the seats reserved for sportsperson, 50 percent of the seats shall be reserved for women.

The primary motive of this bill is to utilize the experience and perspective of sportsperson in making sports administration more effective and efficient. It will give a bird eye view to sports institutions regarding the actual needs of sportsperson and addressing them in best possible manner.

Hence this Bill.

NEW DELHI;  
*November 21, 2022*

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## MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Clause 5 of the Bill empowers the Central Government to make rules for carrying out the purposes of the Bill. As the rules will relate to matters of detail, the delegation of legislative power is of a normal character.

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