

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2089 #
ANSWERED ON- 16/12/2021

SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS

2089. # SHRI BRIJLAL

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

- (a) the concrete steps taken to promote sports at school level, to increase competition and to provide technical education in sports during the last five years, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps being taken to increase the interest of girls in sports at school level during the said period, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is proposed to begin the training for competitions like Olympic games at school level in view of global competition, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to promote sports at school level, conduct competitions, provide technical education in sports, increase the interest of girls in sports at school level and begin training for competitions like Olympic games at school level rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. This Ministry has adopted 09 schools and 28 Army Boys Sports Companies as State Level Khelo India Centres under the Khelo India Scheme and 10 schools are covered under the National Sports Talent Contest Scheme of the Sports Authority of India. Further, under the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry has taken a number of initiatives to cater to young talents in the country, including girls at school level, such as conducting of Khelo India School/Youth Games, Khelo India Under-17 Girls Football League, identification and training of young talents as Khelo India Athletes, assessment of fitness of school going children, etc.
