

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2711
ANSWERED ON - 23/03/2023

CENTRAL SPORTS UNIVERSITY

2711 # SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no adequate Physical Education and Sports University at the Central level in the country;
- (b) whether Government proposes to set up more of such Universities in the country and also grant assistance to the States for setting up similar Universities; and
- (c) if so, the details of Sports Universities/Institutions proposed to be established, including in the State of Punjab, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. It is not a fact that there is no adequate Physical Education and Sports University at the Central level in the country. In fact, the Government of India has set up the National Sports University (NSU), a Central Sports University established through the National Sports University Act, 2018, at Imphal, Manipur. It is a specialised University, the first of its kind in the country, set up to promote Sports Education in the areas of sports sciences, sports technology, sports management and sports coaching, besides functioning as the national training centre for select sports disciplines by adopting best international practices. NSU is also envisaged as an apex institution for advanced study and imparting training in Physical Education

Besides the NSU, the Government also runs the Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) at Gwalior, Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports (NSNIS) at Patiala, Punjab, and Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE) at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, which are premier sports and physical education training-cum-research institutes in the country.

Presently, there is no proposal under the consideration in the Ministry for setting up more such Central Sports Universities/Institutions. 'Sports' being a State Subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country, including physical and sports education, rests primarily with the respective State/UT Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The above mentioned University and Institutes of this Ministry cater to the students, athletes, physical education teachers, coaches and researchers from all States/UTs of the country.
