

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS

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

- (a) whether participation of women in the field of sports has increased in last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether special provision has been made to encourage participation of women under the 'Khelo India' Programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b) Sports being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including promotion of women athletes in the country rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government only supplements their efforts. However, this Ministry is running various sports promotional schemes across the country which are gender neutral and promotes equal participation for both male and female sportspersons. These schemes include: (i) Khelo India Scheme; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs); (iii) Special Awards to winners in International sports events and their coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards, Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (v) National Sports Development Fund; (vi) Sports Training centres run through Sports Authority of India (SAI). Details of these schemes are available in the public domain on the website of the Ministry.

Further, a total 3092 women are being trained under sports promotional schemes of SAI and 1239 women athletes are being trained under the Khelo India Scheme. In addition, 85 elite women athletes in various sports disciplines are covered under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme of this Ministry.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Under the Khelo India scheme, there is a dedicated sub-component of “Sports for women” wherein emphasis is laid on such sports disciplines where there is less participation of women so that a greater number of women will participate in such sports disciplines. Under this component, Khelo India Women’s leagues are being organized. Till date, sports competitions in 14 sports disciplines have been organized across the country.
