

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4303  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

**Sports for Girls Students**

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Will the **Minister** of **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a separate scheme for promoting sports for girl students in view of their increasing participation and good results thereof in sports; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) & (b): Department of School Education and Literacy has launched an Integrated Scheme for School Education-Samagra Shiksha, subsuming three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE) with effect from 1st April, 2018. The new integrated scheme envisages school education as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels. The scheme includes the Sports and Physical Education component under which provision for grants for sports equipments for indoor & outdoor games in all government schools has been made.

Under the Samagra Shiksha, provision has been made for grant for sports equipments at the rate of Rs. 5000 for Primary Schools, Rs. 10,000 for upper primary schools and up to Rs. 25,000 for secondary and senior secondary schools per annum. In the year 2018-19, an outlay of Rs. 50690.37 lakh under sports grant for 894307 schools, has been approved under Samagra Shiksha.

Besides, under the Samagra Shiksha, self-defence training is imparted to enhance safety and security of girls inside and outside of the school and to inculcate confidence amongst girls to deal with any emergency situation. Girl students of classes IX and X of government and government aided schools are covered under the intervention.

The National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 also focuses on participation of all children in free play, formal, and informal games, yoga and sports activities as essential for their physical and psycho-social development. Whereas all students must be involved in Health & Physical Education activities, those who choose to excel in games and sports need to be provided adequate opportunity. NCF also focuses on the possibility of utilization of school space at the block level for special sports programme both before school hours and after school hours to enable children with special talent for sports to come there for special training during vacation period.

Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, is implementing sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sportspersons. Their schemes are gender neutral. However, some schemes have women component, which include Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) which provides for financial assistance to States/UTs for conducting women sports competitions.

Department of Sports launched the revamped Khelo India scheme in October, 2017 with twelve components which, *inter-alia*, includes a dedicated vertical “Sports for Women”, which provides for financial assistance for holding sports competitions for women.

Besides, Department of Sports, through its autonomous body, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing various sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sportspersons including female sportspersons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions

Sports Authority of India has established 12 Regional Centres and presently, 14143 talented sportspersons (9843 Boys & 4300 Girls) are undergoing training being trained under SAI Schemes in 27 sports disciplines on Residential and Non-Residential basis in 281 SAI sports centres. To pay special emphasis for promotion of sports among the women sportspersons, SAI has established three SAI Training Centre & one Special Area Games (SAG) Centre exclusively for women.

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The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. It envisages the 'school' as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to senior secondary levels.

Under this scheme financial supports are providing to States/UTs irrespective of area and gender for encouragement of Sports, Physical activities, Yoga, arts & crafts, co-curricular activities etc. For meeting the expenditure on procuring sports equipments for indoor and outdoor, Sports grants upto Rs.5,000/- for primary, upto Rs. 10,000/- for upper primary and upto Rs.25,000/- for secondary and senior secondary

schools are admissible. The Scheme also provides annual school composite grant for all Government Schools for the replacement of non-functional school equipment and for incurring other recurring costs such as consumables for play materials, sports equipment, laboratories, electricity charges, internet, water,

teaching aids etc. The amount of composite school grant varies from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 1,00,000 per annum per School depending upon the number of students in the school.

The National Curriculum Framework, 2005 has already realized the importance of this area and recommended Health and Physical education as a compulsory subject area upto secondary stage for all children. Age appropriate activities related to Health, Physical Education and Yoga are included in the syllabi of Health and Physical Education developed by NCERT. For the schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the evaluation of Health and Physical Education is already mandatory in classes IX to XII. The performance in this area is assessed internally by the schools and reflected in the certificate issued by CBSE.

In addition, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Sports have launched revamped Khelo India Scheme to be the basic platform for talent spotting and providing development pathways for gifted and talented School children to achieve excellence. The first Khelo India National School Games have been held in New Delhi from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

A National Sports Talent Search Portal (NSTSP) has been launched by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), where players, both boys and girls belonging to various sports disciplines can register themselves and upload their performance/achievements in different sports events through an online application process.

The SAI has been implementing a number of sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group 8-25 years. The participation of number of girls trainees under SAI Scheme have increased from 3530 (2015-16) to 4031 (2016-17) to 4426 (2017-18).

In order to promote Sports for girls students, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan takes various steps inter alia:

1. Allows the girls students to participate in Subroto Cup International Football Tournament.
2. Gives cash awards to the winner of KVS National level/ SGFI/ National level and International Level achievers in sports and games.
3. Gives concession for admission into class XI for those who have participated in games and sports at various levels.
4. Participate in World School Championship in Football, Swimming and Taekwoqdo.
5. Gives admission into various classes over and above the class strength to the meritorious sports children including girls who have secured I, II & III position in SGFI/ CBSE/ National/ State level games organized by the Government.