

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 895
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2019**

Development of Sports

895. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- a) the present status of the proposal to bring Sports under Concurrent List from State List;**
- b) the measures likely to be taken at national level for development of sports in case the said proposal is passed; and**
- c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government for increasing the participation of women and youth from tribal areas in sports?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) & (b): There is a proposal under consideration of the Government to bring "Sports" under concurrent List from State List. In this regard, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (Department of Sports) has sought comments from the concerned Ministries/Departments as well as Governments of States/UTs.

The main objective of shifting “Sports” from State List to Concurrent List is to enable the Central Government to provide for a robust comprehensive framework for sports.

(c): All sports promotional schemes of the Department of Sports are equally applicable to whole country irrespective of area and gender.

However, some schemes of the Ministry have specific component for increasing the participation of women and youth from tribal areas in sports. The Khelo India Scheme being implemented by the Department of Sports have two dedicated verticals, namely, “Sports for Women” and “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games” for encouraging the participation of women and youth from tribal areas respectively. Special Area Games Scheme being implemented by SAI with a view to tap the sports potential amongst the age group 12-18 years available in the tribal, costal, rural and inaccessible areas of the country.

Continuous efforts are made to increase the participation of women and youth from tribal areas in the sports by the Department of Sports. As a result, the participation of women and youth from rural and tribal areas of the country has increased under various Schemes of the Department.
