

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 208
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th June, 2019

Sports in Schools

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

- (a) whether the Government is seriously considering to make policy to identify interest of each child towards sports activities from the new academic session and if so, the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to give special fund to promote the sports activities for children in schools and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the special funds earmarked to States, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) the time by which the said funds are likely to be provided;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that as per some global education survey, a very less percentage of Indian students spend sufficient time on sports and nearly 25 per cent students does not play any sport in schools; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government so that children play more and more hours in a week?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (e): 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 equipment for indoor and outdoor games in all government schools has been made.

Realizing the need for holistic development of children, under the Samagra Shiksha, Sports and Physical Education component has been introduced for the first time for encouragement of Sports, Physical activities, Yoga, Co-curricular activities etc. A provision has been made for Government schools 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. 506.90 crore was approved under sports grant for 894307 government schools. The State and UT wise detail including Gujarat is at Annexure.

Global Education Census Report 2018 of Cambridge Assessment International Education has stated that 74% Indian students play sports regularly. However, the Report does not mention the methodology used in the study and the source of this data is stated to be a study by a non-governmental organisation. The Cambridge Assessment International Education did not share this data with Government and therefore, this Ministry cannot authenticate the report. However, this Ministry is aware of the issues of promoting sports amongst students.

Ministry has issued guidelines vide letter 24.12.2018 to States and UTs to ensure proper utilization of sports grant. These guidelines include an indicative list of age appropriate sports equipments for government schools. Sport specific equipments may also be chosen by the schools, based on availability of infrastructure in the school including availability of playfield etc. States and UTs have been advised to encourage schools to include traditional/regional games of the respective State/Region. One responsible person/Physical Education Teacher (PET)/Teacher in charge in every school is to be given the responsibility to take care of the sports equipments and to maintain their stock position.

As per the National Curriculum Framework, 2005, Health and Physical Education is a Compulsory subject from Class I to X. In this regard, NCERT has brought out material for Class VI, VII and VIII as Teachers Guide and for Class IX Textbooks on Health and Physical Education. In addition, Central Board of Secondary Examination (CBSE) has introduced a streamlined and well designed Health and Physical Education(HPE) Program to mainstream health and physical education in schools for students of class IX- XII. The schools have been directed to reserve one period per day for HPE/ sports. This program is compulsory for all affiliated schools of CBSE.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PART (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 208 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JUNE, 2019 ASKED BY SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT AND SHRI JAYADEV GALLA REGARDING SPORTS IN SCHOOLS

Budget approved for Sports & Physical Education for the year 2018-19 under Samagra Shiksha

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl.No	State/UT	Estimated Budget	
		Physical	Financial
1.	A. & N. Islands	328	0.37
2.	Andhra Pradesh	7970	0.80
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	3317	2.74
4.	Assam	47074	13.07
5.	Bihar	73838	39.73
6.	Chandigarh	311	0.39
7.	Chhattisgarh	46691	22.73
8.	D. & N. Haveli	296	0.26
9.	Daman And Diu	88	0.06
10.	Delhi	2731	3.45
11.	Goa	753	0.40
12.	Gujarat	33485	28.26
13.	Haryana	14355	14.93
14.	Himachal Pradesh	15397	14.19
15.	Jammu And Kashmir	23325	20.69
16.	Jharkhand	12540	6.27
17.	Karnataka	48393	17.92
18.	Kerala	0	0.00
19.	Lakshadweep	82	0.10
20.	Madhya Pradesh	111249	11.41
21.	Maharashtra	816	0.41
22.	Manipur	2977	2.56
23.	Meghalaya	92	0.23
24.	Mizoram	2541	2.36
25.	Nagaland	343	0.22
26.	Odisha	56058	42.13
27.	Puducherry	382	0.29
28.	Punjab	19248	18.19
29.	Rajasthan	66641	69.56
30.	Sikkim	765	0.86
31.	Tamil Nadu	12711	7.20
32.	Telangana	28086	7.74
33.	Tripura	1458	2.06
34.	Uttar Pradesh	161030	107.56
35.	Uttrakhand	17046	14.52
36.	West Bengal	81910	33.41
Grand Total		894327	507.05

