

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2239
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH DECEMBER, 2023**

MD COURSE IN SPORTS MEDICINE

2239. SHRI LORHO S. PFOZE:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of medical colleges running MD course in Sports Medicine in the country under NMC and direct control of the Government;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to start Sports Medicine Departments in Medical Colleges in the country for the sporting population and to improve fitness of the general population, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to promote higher education and research in Sports Medicine in the country;
- (d) whether the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal, have a full-fledged Sports Medicine Department under the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details regarding the number of students passed out/produced in 2023 from the Department of Sports Medicine established with a five year funding from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in 2019 and terminating on 14th November 2023; and
- (f) whether the Ministry proposes to continue Sports Medicine as a full-fledged Department and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (f): As informed by the National Medical Commission, a total of 09 Medical Colleges (06 Government and 03 Private) are running MD course in Sports Medicine with a total intake capacity of 27 seats.

The National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR) Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports since 2017, aims to support high-level research, education and innovation with respect to high performance of elite athletes. Under the Scheme Universities/Medical Colleges are assisted for setting up of Sports Medicine Departments for conduct of MD in Sports Medicine. At present, four universities/Medical Colleges are provided financial assistance under NCSSR.

The Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal, was provided financial assistance of Rs. 5.74 crore under NCSSR for a period of 5 years from 15.11.2018 to 14.11.2023. After RIMS got approval of NMC (erstwhile Indian Medical Council) to run MD in Sports Medicine, one student has passed out from the Institute upto Academic year 2022-23.
