

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION No. 69  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022

**Martial Arts for Girls**

**\*69. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is making it mandatory or has any proposal to introduce martial arts training for school/college going girls to protect themselves and to build self-confidence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and also implementation status thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 69 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022 ASKED BY SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING MARTIAL ARTS FOR GIRLS.**

(a) & (b): Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing Samagra Shiksha-an Integrated Scheme for School Education, effective from 2018-19. In order to ensure safety and security of girls, empower girls to tackle risk of assault and for boosting their self confidence, under Samagra Shiksha, Self defence training is imparted to girls of class VI to XII studying in Government Schools. Self defence training is also given in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) which are residential schools meant for girls of Class VI to XII and belonging to disadvantaged groups.

Samagra Shiksha scheme has now been extended till 2025-26 and the amount for Self Defence training under 'Rani Laxmi Bai Aatma Raksha Prashikshan' component has been increased from Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 5000/- per month per school for three months. Details of physical/financial approval under Samagra Shiksha from the year 2018-19 to 2021-22 for Self Defence Training for Girls is as under:-

*(Rs. in Lakhs)*

Sl. No.	Year	Elementary		Secondary	
		Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial
1	2018-19	134835	10221.87	76581	6227.226
2	2019-20	180160	15346.257	81800	6656.358
3	2020-21	147784	13300.56	81438	7329.42
4	2021-22*	163045	8320.49	56869	3337.27

*(Source: Prabandh)*

\*In the year 2021-22, funds approved only for one month due to COVID -19 pandemic.

Further, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) vide its circular dated 07.09.2015 has issued an advisory to the schools affiliated to it on the need for imparting self-defence training to girls in classes I-X of one week duration, twice a year.

Self defence training is regularly provided to girls students in KVs, JNVs and Schools run by Central Tibetan Schools Administration, where girls are trained in Judo, Taekwondo and Boxing etc.

University Grant Commission (UGC) has also framed guidelines on Safety of Students on and off campuses of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) which, inter-alia, recommend that Self-Defence training for women studying and working on campus should be made a mandatory component of extra-curricular activities undertaken in HEIs. Further,

UGC has also written to HEIs to implement National Service Scheme as elective subject for the benefit of students wherein self-defense is a component of the course curriculum.

(c): Does not arise.

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