

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2494
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS UNDER SKILL INDIA INITIATIVE

2494. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has focused attention to the development of sports under the Skill India Initiative;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any skill gap study on Sports as yet; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)**

(a) The National Skill Development Mission (NSDM) was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 15th July, 2015, to provide a strong institutional framework to implement and scale up skill development efforts across the country, in all sectors including sports.

(b) Under this, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing its flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). Under PMKVY, skilling is provided in various sectors including sports. Qualification Packs that have been developed for the sports sector are Early Years Physical Activity Facilitator, Primary Years Physical Activity Facilitator, Sports Masseur, Fitness Trainer, Community Sports Coach, Unarmed Self-Defence Instructor, Personal Fitness Trainer, Group Fitness Trainer, Strength and Conditioning Coach, Fitness Centre Head, Lifeguard Pool, Lifeguard Open Water, Aquatic Rescue Head, Swimming Instructor, Beach Captain and Pool Maintenance Worker. As on 30.06.2022, a total number of 91,007 candidates have been trained under PMKVY under sports sector.

(c) and (d) MSDE through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) formed the Sports, Physical Education, Fitness & Leisure Skills Council (SPEFL-SC) on 3rd July, 2015 for focused attention to the development of sports under the Skill India Initiative. The key objective of the SPEFL-SC is to create a robust and vibrant eco-system for quality education and skill development in the sports sector in the country. The mandate for SPEFL-SC, inter alia, is to carry out functional and occupational mapping and develop a catalogue of industry, develop occupations/ job roles in the sector, develop & put in place an assessment & certification mechanism for the trainers, assessors and trainees, etc. This is an ongoing and continuous process. No skill-gap study has yet been undertaken for the sports sector.
