

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1440
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SPORTS CULTURE IN SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognisance of concerns raised by sports federations regarding poor sports culture and inadequate physical education infrastructure in schools across the country; and
- (b) whether the Ministry, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, proposes to provide GST exemption or rationalisation on sports equipment and training gear to make sports participation more affordable for schools and young athletes and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility for development of sports, including promotion of sports culture and development of physical education infrastructure, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements various schemes for the promotion of sports in the country, which also cater to development of sports infrastructure, and other sports-related facilities, including for schools across the country.
- (b) At present, no such proposal is under consideration.
