

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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WEIGHTAGE TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give more weightage to physical education in the grading system in schools for greater involvement of students in games ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; (
- (c) whether the Government proposes to promote sports as a career to sustain the attraction of youths ;
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

- (a) The Central Board of Secondary Education, which is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, follows the National Core curriculum where adequate thrust to Physical Education has been given.
- (b) In so far as classes I to X are concerned, Physical Education is a compulsory subject and it is internally evaluated by the concerned schools. At the senior school, the provision exists for the students appearing Physical Education as an elective subject.
- (c) to (e): `Sports` is a State subject. Promotion of sports is mainly the responsibility of State Governments and respective National Sports Federations, which are autonomous bodies.