

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:156
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2006
INTEGRATING SPORTS WITH PRIMARY EDUCATION
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal for integration of sports with primary education to discover talent particularly in rural areas as reported in The Hindu dated July 4, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Human Resource Development Ministry has agreed to the proposal; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.156 FOR 02.08.2006 REGARDING INTEGRATING SPORTS WITH PRIMARY EDUCATION ASKED BY SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH AND SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO.

(a) to (d): In recognition of the shortage of sports facilities in rural areas and the consequent lack of access to organized sports and games to a large section of children, adolescents and the youth, consideration is being given in the Ministry to the promotion of a Panchayat Yuva Khel Abhiyan in collaboration with various stakeholders including Education Institutions, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Youth Organizations etc.