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Title: Need to set up a Department of Sports Education in Nagarjuna University in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Education and sports have to go hand-in-hand, because education gives wisdom and sports build character. So, every university or institution should give special emphasis on sports along with education. The new State of Andhra Pradesh is doing everything possible to reorient all sports facilities and programmes.

Hon. CM of AP who understood the principle that sports and physical education is an important area that has greater impact on health and development of human resources of the State has always been insisting for sports along with education. He is laying a great emphasis on developing sports in the residuary State of AP during the last three years and trying everything possible, albeit the State is passing through financial difficulties.

As a part of his efforts to promote sports and sports education, hon. CM of AP had written a letter to the Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports in February, 2015, for sanctioning a Department of Sports Education in Acharya Nagarjuna University in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. I understand that subsequently also he requested the Minister to sanction this department as it helps in overall development of a student. But, so far no concrete action has been taken by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Hence, I request the hon. Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports to kindly sanction Department of Sports Education in Nagarjuna University without any further delay.