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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(Education Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner
Tribal Welfare Department/Social Welfare Department
All States/Union Territories (as per list attached)

Subject: Promotion of Traditional Tribal Games, Modern sports and nurturing sporting talents among the tribal students.

Madam/Sir,

Sports and physical activities create positive energy, excitement and enthusiasm amongst the students. It also helps in the development of health, fitness and positive attitude towards life. Promotion of sports in tribal areas has been designed as one of the thirteen important components of "Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana". Different tribal communities in different parts of the country possess natural talent and proficiency in various traditional as well as modern sports such as archery, hockey, football, volleyball, athletics, swimming, kho-kho, kabaddi, wrestling etc.

In this context, I am directed to request the States/UTs/ to create and provide specific sports facilities in each of the schools including Ashram schools and EMRS keeping in view natural sports talent of the local tribal community. Specified time may be earmarked for sporting activities and physical education in school everyday. Sports tournaments and events may be organized in the schools at Block, District and State levels for searching and promoting sporting talents among the ST students. States may innovatively use resources available under various schemes of the line Ministries such as Ministry of HRD, Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs, Sports Authority of India and also from various schemes available in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Yours faithfully


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