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APESU demands appointment of PET in every school

Arunachal Physical Education and Sports Union (APESU) demanded appointment of at least one Physical Education Teacher (PET) in every government secondary and higher secondary school.

As per RTE Act and NCTE norms and guidelines, there should be one PET in every government secondary and higher secondary school. In Arunachal Pradesh, there are around 133 PET against 265 schools which means that 50 percent of the schools are without a PET, told APESU president Taging Passing in the sideline of the National Sports Day celebration at Govt. Secondary School near here on Monday.

Stressing on the importance of physical education in schools for overall development of students, the APESU president informed that no post of PET has been created since 1980.

He appealed to the state government to create posts of PET to absorb more than 60 unemployed qualified physical education teachers in the state.

The union also lamented non-appointment of District Sports Officers (DSOs) in various districts, District Youth Officers and Assistant Youth Officers after bifurcation of the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs. At present, only five districts have DSOs out of the 20, the union informed and appealed for appointment of DSOs in rest of the districts.

APESU also lamented lack of sufficient coaches for sportspersons in the state.

“There are around 9-10 coaches under a single DSO in Manipur whereas the ratio in the state is less than 1:1,” the union president said and urged the authorities concerned of the sports department to look into the matter seriously to improve performance.