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### **Haryana Sports Department has decided in principle to recruit girls employed in Central depts**

The Haryana Sports Department has decided in principle to recruit girls employed in Central departments. These girls have excelled in sports at the national and international level.

Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anil Vij has directed his departments to prepare details of girls working in Central departments. Sources said Rio Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi Malik and others met Vij recently, wishing to work in Haryana departments if the government considered them for “respectful positions”.

“The girls complained that job and sports assignments kept them away from home for long. They requested Vij to recruit them in Haryana sports and other departments,” an official said.

Officers of the Sports Department said the case of sportswomen was under consideration after directions from Vij.

They confirmed Sakshi was likely to be recruited in Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, in its Sports Department on a senior position. The case of other girls is being discussed.

“We hope the state’s performance in sports will improve after the girls are recruited in the Haryana Government. I have given in-principle approval for their recruitment in the Haryana Sports Departments. For jobs in other departments, I will take up the matter with the authorities,” Vij told The Tribune.

Some girls working in the Railways are under consideration for jobs in the police, health and youth affairs departments.

The government is considering out-of-turn promotions to coaches of girls, while names of some coaches are under consideration for financial rewards.

“We belong to Haryana, but we are representing Central departments. Like me, many other girls want to play for Haryana and bring laurels for the state,” a sports girl said.