

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

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LISTING OF SPORTS IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has listed sports in different categories ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the parameters/criteria adopted for listing of sports in different categories;
- (e) whether Power Lifting has also been listed in sports category;
- (f) if so, the parameter set for power lifting; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) : The Government of India has listed various sports in three categories viz. 'Priority', 'General' and 'Others'. A set of dynamic criteria for the categorization of sports disciplines has been announced in July, 2005 which, inter-alia, is based on the performance of Indian teams/sportspersons in recognized international events like Olympic/Asian/Commonwealth Games/World Championships etc.. The details of this are given below:

**PRIORITY :** In this category, such disciplines are categorized where the following minimum performance is achieved:

- (i) First six in team events and first eight in individual events during the Olympic cycle;
- (ii) First four in team events and first six in individual events in the Asian Games/Commonwealth Games cycle; and
- (iii) First four in team events and first six in individual events in Government recognised World Cup etc. in Non-Olympic and Non-Asian/Commonwealth events.

**GENERAL :** This category includes disciplines where the following minimum performance is achieved:

- (i) Seventh to Tenth in team events and ninth to twelfth in individual events during Olympic Cycle;
- (ii) Fifth to Eighth in team events and seventh to tenth in individual events in Asian/Commonwealth Cycle; and
- (iii) Fifth to eighth in team events and seventh to tenth in individual events in

Government recognized World Cup etc. in Non-Olympic and Non-Asian/Commonwealth events.

OTHERS : This category includes the remaining sports disciplines which do not meet the criteria for the `Priority` and `General` categories.

(e) to (g) : As per the criteria for the categorization of sports disciplines mentioned above, Powerlifting is at present in the `Others` category.