

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

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DECLARATION OF SPORT AS NATIONAL GAME

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted for declaring a sport as National Game;
- (b) whether Judo and Karate are National Games;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to promote the said sports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a): There is no Scheme of Government of India for declaring a sport as National Game.

(b) to (c): Do not arise.

(d): To encourage a particular sports discipline, the concerned National Sports Federation is primarily responsible. However, Government also supplements their efforts in this regard. In so far as `Judo` is concerned, it falls under `General Category` and Government provides assistance for coaching camps under Indian and foreign coaches with required scientific input and equipment support; provides financial assistance for holding National/International Championships and competition/training abroad; and gives incentive to meritorious sports persons. As regards `Karate`, it falls unnder `Others` category and Government provides financial assistance for holding National Championships.