

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

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MALLKHAB AS NATIONAL SPORT
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a demand has been made to include Mallkhab in the National Sports Competition;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether Mallkhab has been recognised by the National Olympic Committee; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Mallkhab a traditional Indian sport?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The National level Sports Competition are conducted by the concerned National Federations.
- (c) The Indian Olympic Association has recognized `Mallkhamb Federation (Regd) India with its headquarters at Mumbai for Mallkhamb discipline.
- (d) The development of individual sports is the responsibility of the State Governments and concerned National Sports Federation. The Government has recognized the Federation mentioned in part (c) above under `Others` Category.