

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

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BOAT RACE AS SPORTS ITEM  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria for considering a sport item as a National Sports event;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to consider Boat Races as a sport event in the country particularly in Kerala; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken/to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) There is no scheme of Government of India for considering a sport item as a National Sports event. National Championships in individual disciplines are organized by National Sports Federations.
- (b) & (c): Government has recognized National Sports Federations for promotion of various water sports disciplines such as Rowing, Yachting and Kayaking & Canoeing. Financial assistance is given to these National Sports Federations for sending their teams abroad, for training and participation in international tournaments, holding international tournaments in India, conducting National Championships and also for procuring equipments. Assistance is also extended through the Sports Authority of India for organizing coaching camps for preparing national teams and for engaging the services of foreign coaches. Limited secretarial assistance is also provided to NSFs` by way of reimbursement of salary of Joint/Assistant Secretaries of the Federations. Requests for assistance are processed according to the guidelines laid down under various Schemes of the Ministry.