

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

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PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL AND INDIGENOUS GAMES .
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/implemented any programme to preserve and promote traditional and indigenous games in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of such games identified for the purpose;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilized for developing the sport infrastructure in the villages; and
- (d) the details of measures taken/being taken by the Government to promote and preserve these traditional and indigenous games, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (d): The existing schemes of Government of India and Sports Authority of India (SAI) lay adequate focus on the promotion of traditional and indigenous games. Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the sports federations dealing with indigenous/traditional games such as Archery, Chess, Kho-Kho, Tug of War, Kabaddi, Wrestling etc. have been given Government recognition, and are provided with financial assistance for the promotional and developmental activities in their respective disciplines.

The details of financial assistance to the sports federations dealing with indigenous/traditional games under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs during the last three years are given below: -

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1.	Archery Association of India	94.68	81.67	96.10
2.	All India Chess Federation	112.46	239.94	221.40
3.	Atya Patya Federation of India	15.50	8.50	16.50
4.	Kho-Kho Federation of India	2.00	0.00	0.00
5.	Indian Hockey (Men) Federation	92.09	125.18	156.99
6.	Indian Hockey (Women) Federation	111.64	191.65	74.51
7.	Indian Amateur Kabaddi Federation	13.95	25.68	32.08
8.	Tug of War Federation of India	20.75	3.50	6.00
9.	Wrestling Federation of India	32.58	6.15	200.42

The scheme 'Panchyat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA)', a centrally sponsored scheme, was introduced in 2008-09, for the promotion of basic sports infrastructure and sports competitions in all village and block panchayats of the country. The XIth Five Year Plan outlay for this scheme, which was launched in the financial year 2008-09, is Rs.1500 crore. The scheme envisage to cover around 2.50 lakh village panchayats and 6,400 block panchayats (including their equivalent units) in a phased manner over a period of 10 years at an annual coverage of 10% (and the coverage will be 20% in the case of special category states including North Eastern States). The scheme is implemented through the state governments/UTs. administrations. This scheme is not only expected to promote mass participation in sports but would also eventually lead to expansion in the talent base, which would then lead to better performance in international competition.

During 2008-09, financial assistance amounting to Rs.250.77 crore was sanctioned to 24 states for the creation of sports infrastructure in 22,854 village and 601 block panchayats. The details of fund allocated and fund released during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Fund Allocation	Fund Released
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2008-09	92.00	92.00
2009-10	160.00	19.02
(10.07.09)		

In addition to above, the SAI also operates specific schemes for promotion and development of traditional/indigenous games. Under the National Sports Talent Contest Schemes, SAI adopts schools, provides comprehensive support to the identified athletes, in terms of training and participations in competitions. SAI also operates Special area Games Scheme, which are specifically aimed at promoting local sporting talent in tribal areas.