

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

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

- (a) Whether the Government has implemented any scheme/programme to preserve and promote traditional and Indigenous games like kabaddi and kho-kho etc. in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and sports discipline-wise;
- (c) the number of national competitions conducted during the said period, sports discipline-wise;
- (d) the number of sports persons who competed in the National games, alongwith the jobs provided to them during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the government to promote and preserve these traditional and Indigenous games in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The existing Schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Sports Authority of India (SAI) lay adequate emphasis on the promotion and preservation of traditional and indigenous games. Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), sports federations dealing with indigenous/traditional games such as Archery, Chess, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Tug of War, Wrestling etc have been given government recognition and are provided with financial assistance for promotional and developmental activities in their respective disciplines. Federations are also given assistance for organizing national championships both for men and women in categories of senior, junior and sub-junior. From 2010, organizing of national championships on regular basis has been made of one of the components for grant of annual recognition to NSFs including those dealing with indigenous/traditional games.

The Government has introduced from 2008-09 a centrally sponsored scheme titled Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), which aims at providing basic sports infrastructure in all village panchayats and blockpanchayats in a phased manner over a period of 10 years and access to organized sports competitions at block, district, state and national level. The scheme lays special emphasis on promotion of traditional and indigenous games.

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 and current year are given below:

Rs. in crore

S.No.	Name of the Federation (Upto 30-06-2010)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
1	Archery Association of India	0.81	0.96	5.26	0.41
2	All India Chess Federation	2.39	2.21	2.71	0.47
3	Wrestling Federation of India	0.06	1.18	4.76	0.34
4	Indian Amateur Kabaddi Federation	0.25	0.32	0.18	0.10

5	Atya Patya Federation of India	0.08	0.16	0.08	0.05
6	Kho-kho Federation of India, Kolkata	00 00	0.04	0.05	
7	Tug of War Federation of India	0.03	0.06	0.10	0.05
8	Malkhamb Federation of India	0.03	0.09	0.0016	-

(d): The number of sportspersons who competed in the National Games during last three years and current year is as follows:

S. No.	Year	Number of participants
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1.	2007 (National Games, Guwahati)	6958
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2.	2008	No National Games held
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The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not maintain data about the jobs provided to sportspersons.

(e): As given in reply to (a) to (c) above.