

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

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PROMOTING TRADITIONAL GAMES

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

- (a) whether the Government has not accorded priority/encouragement to the domestic/traditional games in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented any scheme/programme to preserve and promote traditional/domestic and indigenous games like kabaddi and kho-kho etc. in the country including in tribal and rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated/released /spent for the last three years and current year; sports/games discipline-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Government through its various Schemes and those of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), augments the efforts of the recognised National Sports Federations (NSFs) and encourages domestic and traditional games in the country. SAI's efforts for promotion of traditional games are channelised through the adoption of Navodaya Vidyalayas under the National Sports Talent Contest Scheme for Tribal, coastal, hilly and rural areas.

(c) Government is implementing the scheme of `Assistance to National Sports Federation` under which financial assistance is provide to the National Sports Federation (NSF) to promote sports & games including traditional/domestic and indigenous games like kabaddi, kho-kho etc. The financial assistance is provided for training and participation in inter-national events abroad, holding of national/international event in India, coaching/training of national teams/sportspersons through Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and other scientific support.

(d) The details of financial assistance provided to the NSFs under the Scheme during the last 3 years and current year for sports & games including kabaddi & kho-kho have been indicated in the enclosed statement.