

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

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SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR ARJUNA AWARD  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of existing norms/criteria fixed for recommendations/ nominations of eligible sports persons for `Arjuna award` and other sports awards;
- (b) the procedure being adopted for selction of award after receipt of nominations/recommendations;
- (c) the reasons for not including some games like Tennis and Carrom for awarding Arjuina awards;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for inclusions of more games in the selection process and for making the said process more transparent; and
- (e) the details of Arjuna award issued/conferred to the eligible sports persons during each of the last three years and the current year, sports discipline-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The norms/criteria prescribed for various Sports Awards viz. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Awards, Dhyanchand Awards and Dronacharya Awards are given in statement at Annexure-I.
- (b) After receipt of nominations from the prescribed agencies such as Indian Olympic Associations (IOA), National Sports Federations (NSFs), State Governments, Sports Promotion Boards, the nominations are scrutinized by a Screening Committee consisting of officers of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India and Government Observers. Thereafter, the nominations are placed before the duly constituted Independent Selection Committees consisting of eminent sportspersons, Sports administrators, etc.
- (c) Sportspersons from Tennis and Carrom are eligible for Arjuna Awards. 15 Sportspersons in the discipline of Tennis and 1 sportsperson in the disciplines of Carrom had been conferred with Arjuna Awards till 2010.
- (d) Zone of sports disciplines considered for Arjuna Award is comprehensive as sportspersons belonging to following categories are eligible for being considered for Arjuna Awards:
  - (a) Olympic Games/Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/World Cup/World, Championship disciplines and cricket or any equivalent recognized international tournament.
  - (b) Indigenous Games.
  - (c) Sports for Physically challenged
- (e) The details of Arjuna Award conferred to the eligible sportspersons during the last three and current year discipline wise are given in Statement at Annexure-II