

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1125  
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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 traditional/indigenous/domestic games are neglected in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented any scheme to promote such games in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and utilized for promotion of these games during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and sports discipline-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) to (d) 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.

Government is implementing the scheme of "Assistance to National Sports Federation" under which financial assistance is provided to the National Sports Federation (NSF) to promote sports & games including traditional/domestic and indigenous games. The financial assistance is provided for training and participation in international 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.

The details of financial assistance provided to the NSFs 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 lakhs

| S.No | Name of NSF                         | 2008-09              | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|      |                                     | (Upto December 2011) |         |         |         |
| 1.   | Archery Association of India        | 96.10                | 368.31  | 32.10   | 93.68   |
| 2.   | All India Chess Federation          | 221.40               | 163.00  | 180.05  | 162.13  |
| 3.   | Atya Patya Federation of India      | 16.50                | 5.92    | 12.00   | 10.50   |
| 4.   | Kho-Kho Federation of India         | 0.00                 | 4.50    | 7.50    | 16.50   |
| 5.   | Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India | 32.08                | 11.77   | 10.00   | 119.50  |
| 6.   | Tug of War Federation of India      | 6.00                 | 9.75    | 16.00   | 11.75   |
| 7.   | Wrestling Federation of India       | 200.42               | 476.00  | 148.00  | 573.51  |

