

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

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PROMOTING SPORTS

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

(a) whether the Government is not promoting any sports other than cricket in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote the National/traditional games like Kabaddi, hockey etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and sports discipline-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for promotion of all sport disciplines within a specified time frame to win gold medals in the international sports competitions?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The primary responsibility of promoting specific sports disciplines is that of the respective National Sports Federations (NSFs). However, for supplementing the efforts of the NSFs, the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India under their various schemes provide requisite assistance to the NSFs. The level of assistance is in accordance with the Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) finalized in consultation with respective NSFs. The Ministry is at present providing assistance to 45 National Sports Federations for promotion and development of their respective sports disciplines. The Ministry does not provide assistance to BCCI for promotion of cricket, as BCCI, being self sufficient, promotes the game of cricket on its own.

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

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

Rs. In lakhs

| S.No. | Name of NSF (upto December 2011) | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 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 | 10.05 |
| 4. | Kho-Kho Federation of India | 0.00 | 4.50 | 7.50 | 16.50 |
| 5. | Hockey (Men and Women) | 231.50 | 619.18 | 424.51 | 423.05 |

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| 6. Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India | 32.08 | 11.77 | 10.00 | 119.50 |
| 7. Tug of War Federation of India | 6.00 | 9.75 | 16.00 | 11.75 |
| 8. Wrestling Federation of India | 200.42 | 476.00 | 148.00 | 573.51 |

Grants for hockey were released to Indian Hockey Federation, Indian Hockey Federation (women), Adhoc Committee for Hockey, Hockey India and Sports Authority of India.

(e) Preparations for winning more medals in international sports events is an ongoing process and is based on Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) finalized in consultation with National Sports Federations (NSFs). The Government provides assistance to the NSFs for various activities such as holding national/international tournaments events in India, the participation of Indian sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, the engagement of national and international coaches and the procurement of equipments and consumables. Further to address the specific coaching/training requirements of identified medal prospects, individual sportspersons are also assisted directly by the Ministry for purchase of equipment, provision of scientific support and participation within country and abroad under the Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training and through National Sports Development Fund.