

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2697

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NATIONAL GAMES

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

- (a) the names of the games and sporting events which have been termed as National Games along with the criteria adopted therefor;
- (b) whether hockey has not been accorded the status of national game as per the information provided in the recent past under the Right to Information Act;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the content of Government website has also been changed after providing the said information; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps/action taken by the Government to accord the status of national game to hockey?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): The Government has not declared any game as a National Game.
- (d) Website, india.gov.in, which had indicated Hockey as a National Game, has indicated now that the content is under review.
- (e) As indicated above in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Question, no game has been accorded the status of National Game by the Government, and there is no proposal to accord the status of National Game to the country.