

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3883  
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RECOGNITION TO ARM WRESTLING  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Arm Wrestling sport has been an ancient game and played from the ancient times;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has recognised it as a game and provided facilities/assistance, for the game;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Indian Arm Wrestling Federation had submitted a proposal seeking grant of recognition by the Government as National Sports Federation (NSF). Since the sport of 'Arm Wrestling' is neither an event in the Asian Games, nor in the Commonwealth/Olympic Games and also is not a popular sport in the country, it was not found possible to accede to the request of the Federation.