

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2778
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HOSTING WORLD WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the International Wrestling Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles has assigned India to host the World Wrestling Championship, 2015 and the Olympic qualifiers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the country is fully capable for hosting the said championships;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the infrastructure available in the country to host such an event;
- (e) whether India had hosted the said championship in the past; and
- (f) if so, the achievements made thereunder along with the details of the efforts being made for the promotion and development of traditional sports such as wrestling and kabaddi in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b)Madam, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has informed that they have submitted a bid for hosting the 2015 Senior World Wrestling Championship in India and the decision of the International Wrestling Federation (FILA) is awaited.

(c) & (d)Madam, infrastructure and other facilities to hold the event are available at some places in the country including at the Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi.

(e) & (f)The Wrestling Federation of India had hosted the Senior World Free Style Wrestling Championship at New Delhi in November 1967. One of the Indian Wrestlers, viz, Shri Bishamber Singh had won a silver medal in the aforesaid Championship.

As far as development and promotion of various sports disciplines including wrestling and kabaddi is concerned, the primary responsibility rests with the concerned recognized National Sports Federation (NSF). The Government supplements the efforts of the NSFs by providing financial assistance to the NSFs for procurement of equipment and consumables, holding national/international sports events in India, participation of sportspersons/ teams in international sports events abroad and training/coaching of national level sportspersons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches, as per agreed Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) with the NSFs.

The details of grants released for the development of traditional sports including Wretling and Kabaddi during the last three years and the current year is as under :

S.No	Name of the Federation	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	TOTAL
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1	Wrestling Federation of India, Delhi	470.00	153.98	983.00	449.38	2056.36
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2	Indian Amateur Kabaddi Federation, Jaipur	11.77	10.00	121.00	6.19	148.96
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3	Malkhamb Federation of India	0.16	11.50	0.00	0.00	11.66
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4 Tug of War 9.75 16.00 11.25 9.00 46.00
Federation of
India, New Delhi

5 Kho-kho 4.50 7.50 16.50 16.00 44.50
Federation of
India, Kolkata

6 Atya Patya 5.92 12.00 10.50 11.00 39.42
Federation of .
India, Nagpur

7 All India Chess 163.00 180.05 162.13 142.73 647.91
Federation,
Chennai

The Government also runs the following schemes through the Sports Authority of India to identify potentially gifted sportspersons in the country at Sub-junior (8-14 years), Junior (14-18 years) and Senior levels and gives them scientific training in the respective disciplines including wrestling and kabaddi through qualified coaches:

1. National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)
2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme
3. SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme
4. Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme
5. Centre of Excellence (COE)