

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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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 the Government proposes to promote traditional games like kabaddi, kho-kho etc. other than cricket to prepare the sportspersons for participating in international sports competitions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of schemes implemented along with the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated/spent on cricket during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) the reasons for paying more attention to cricket in comparison to other sports; and
- (e) the details of sportspersons imparted training related to traditional games during the said period, sports discipline-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Primary responsibility for popularization, promotion and development of specific sports disciplines including traditional and indigenous games and sports is that of the concerned National Sports Federations. The existing schemes of the Government of India and Sports Authority of India (SAI) lay adequate focus on the promotion of traditional and indigenous games. Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the sports federations dealing with indigenous/traditional games such as Archery, Chess, Kho-Kho, Tug of War, Kabaddi, Wrestling etc. have been given Government recognition, and are provided with financial assistance for the promotional and developmental activities in their respective disciplines. Under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, assistance is provided to the NSFs, inter alia, for conduct of national championships in Senior, Junior and Sub – junior categories both for men and women, conduct of international tournaments in India, participation of Indian sportspersons and teams in International tournaments abroad, organizing coaching camps, etc.

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

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
1.	Archery Association of India	360.31	42.10	606.00	128.32
2.	All India Chess Federation	163.00	180.05	162.13	142.73
3.	Atya Patya Federation of India	5.92	12.00	10.50	11.00
4.	Kho-Kho Federation of India	4.50	7.50	16.50	16.00
5.	Indian Hockey (Men) & (women) Federation	762.82	435.76	1809.00	347.24
6.	Indian Amateur Kabaddi Federation	11.77	10.00	121.00	6.19
7.	Tug of War Federation of India	9.75	16.00	11.25	9.00
8.	Wrestling Federation of India	470.00	153.98	983.00	449.38

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has not provided any financial assistance to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the national level body responsible for promotion of cricket in the country, as BCCI is self-sufficient.

Assistance, both financial and training/coaching facilities, under various schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India, is provided across sports disciplines under the provisions of the concerned schemes.

(e) Sportspersons of the traditional and indigenous games are provided training, under the following schemes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI):

(i) National Sports Talent Centres (NSTC) Scheme

(ii) Army Boys Sports Company (ASBC) Scheme

(iii) SAI Training Centre (STC) Scheme

(iv) Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme

(v) Centre of Excellence (CoE) Scheme

Further, national coaching camps are organized for traditional games also in terms of the Annual Calendar of Training and Competitions.

Details of sportspersons imparted training under SAI sports promotional schemes during last three years and the current year in the discipline of traditional and indigenous games are given in Annexure.