

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote traditional sports like Kabbadi, Khokho etc. in the backward, rural and hilly terrains of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise, sport-wise;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated/spent during the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State-wise;
- (d) the other steps taken to encourage participation of youth from rural areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): 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 including Kho-Kho and Kabaddi have been given Government recognition, and are provided with financial assistance for promotional and developmental activities.

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. NSFs are responsible for promotion of their respective sports disciplines in the entire country and not in a specific state of the country.

The details of funds allocated/spent during the last three years and the current year, under the Scheme to NSFs of main traditional / indigenous games are given below: -

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No. Name of the Game 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 (up to Jan 13)

1. Archery 360.31 42.10 606.00 131.40

2. Chess 163.00 180.05 162.13 218.98

3. Atya Patya 5.92 12.00 10.50 12.75

4. Kho-Kho 4.50 7.50 16.50 16.50

5. Hockey 762.82 435.76 1809.00 429.07

6. Kabaddi 11.77 10.00 121.00 11.44

7. Tug of War 9.75 16.00 11.25 9.25

8. Wrestling 470.00 153.98 983.00 512.74

(d) Under the Scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels are held annually in which rural youth participate.