

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

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YOGA UNDER AEGIS OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Yoga Federation of India has requested to include Yoga under the aegis of sports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated criteria to determine any activity as a sporting activity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) Madam, requests were received from All India Yog Sports Association, Kerela Yoga Association and Yoga Federation of India for grant of recognition. Since Yoga is a subject matter under the Department of AYUSH, these organizations have been advised to approach them for appropriate action.

(c) & (d) Although, no criteria has been fixed to determine any activity as a sporting activity, recognition is granted to the sports federations based on factors like inclusion in major international events such as Olympics/Asian Games/Commonwealth Games and in the school/ university games, etc.