

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Recognition to RSFs
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to grant recognition to Regional Sports Federations (RSFs) for promoting popular indigenous sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the criteria for granting recognitions to RSFs and the main functions of the RSFs;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding RSF status for the associations of Native Ball (Nadan Panthukali) in the State of Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. With a view to promoting and giving due acknowledgement and importance to sports having regional spread, it has been decided to grant recognition to sports federations of such sports disciplines as Regional sports Federations (RSFs). The conditions for grant of recognition are as under:-

- i) The sports disciplines must be popular in a region/state and played in one or more states.
- ii) The sports should have been played in the region for at least last 10 years.
- iii) The RSFs seeking recognition from the Govt. should have conducted championships in all the categories namely Senior, Junior & Sub-Junior.
- iv) In case there is an international body for a sport discipline, the recognition of the said body would be necessary. In case there are several bodies at the international level for the same sports, and if more than one RSF applies for recognition, the Govt. shall take a decision in the matter and the reasons for that will be recorded in writing.
- v) One of the conditions for recognition as National Sports Federations, i.e. the Federation should have affiliated units in 2/3rd of the State/UT's will not be applicable for grant of recognition as RSFs.
- vi) There shall be only one RSF for each sport.
- vii) Federations of only indigenous sports will be considered for recognition as RSFs.
- Viii) The RSFs are required to follow guidelines of the Government issued from time to time.

The main functions of RSFs are to promote and develop the regional sports and also to conduct national championships for Senior, Junior & Sub-Junior categories for boys and girls.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.
