

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

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Wrestling out of Sphere of Olympic Games
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether International Olympic Committee has proposed to keep wrestling out of sphere of Olympic Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to keep wrestling in Olympic Games?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board (EB) had its meeting in February 2013 recommended 25 core sports for 2020 Olympic Games. EB had further recommended that wrestling, governed by the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA), not be included in the said list of core sports. However, at 125th Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) held in September 2013 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the sport of wrestling was elected as an additional sport for the Summer Olympic Games of 2020 and 2024. So, wrestling is included in the list of sports disciplines for Olympic Games.

(c): Following the IOC decision in February 2013 to drop wrestling, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports had taken up the matter with them requesting them to reconsider the decision of its Executive Board (EB) and to retain wrestling in the category of core sports for Olympic Games.
