

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

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

- (a) the names of the traditional martial arts still performed in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to promote martial arts among the girls and boys;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of training centres set up for the purpose in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the number of students who were trained in traditional martial arts during each of the last three years and the current year, gender and State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to promote and popularise traditional martial arts in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Madam, the list of traditional martial arts, performed in India, is not maintained with the Ministry.

'Sports' is a State subject. Development and promotion of various sports disciplines including martial arts among girls and boys is the primary responsibility of the State Governments and National Sports Federations (NSFs) concerned. The Ministry only supplements their efforts by providing financial assistance as per the provisions of the Scheme of 'Assistance to NSFs'. Government has given recognition to Karate Association of India, Judo Federation of India & Wushu Association of India which promote martial art form of sport in the country. Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the scheme of National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) is promoting various traditional Indian martial art forms of sports among boys and girls namely Silambam, Thang-ta etc. Educational institutions are adopted by SAI for promotion and development of traditional martial art as part of the said Scheme. Under the Scheme, open competitions are organized for scouting and spotting of talent. The retention/ weeding out of existing trainees is also on the basis of their performances in these competitions. Under the Scheme, trainees are provided stipend, sports kits, apart from an annual grant to the school for purchase of sports equipment and for organizing competitions for scouting of talent as well! as insurance for its trainees. The number of boys and girls who were imparted training in Silambam and Thang-ta under the scheme is given below:-

Sl.No.	Year	No. of Tranees					
		Silambam			Thang-ta		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	2011-12	24	1	25	16	0	16
2.	2012-13	17	0	17	9	9	18
3.	2013-14	23	2	25	12	16	28
4.	2014-15	22	23	45	12	17	29