

Title: Need to take steps for promotion of ancient games in the Country.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, though our country is giving importance to some games like Cricket, Tennis, Football, Hockey etc., yet we are failing to give proper recognition to many games of Indian origin. There are several games which are being played in our rural areas by utilising our limited resources. These games are related to our culture, history, geography and Indian conditions. Such games should also be given adequate importance and recognition.

Nadan Pandu Kali is such a game of Kerala. It was played in all places including rural areas and both the young and the aged were participating in it. But this game is now fading as no Sports Council or authorities are interested in it.

Several other games like Thalia Pandu, Kuttium Kocum etc. are also such games which are being forgotten.

Similar games are there all over India.

I request the Sports Ministry to take serious note of these ancient games which have our domestic smell. A sports cell may be created to give recognition to such games of India.