

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO.273  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21-03-2018**

**Development of traditional and tribal sports**

\*273. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government with regard to travel facilities in order to facilitate people to reach the proposed site of National Sports University in Manipur, the details thereof;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government for promotion of traditional and tribal sports, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government considers inclusion of the local and tribal communities in development of traditional and tribal sports, respectively, if so, the steps taken thereon?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)]**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.273 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21-03-2018 BY SHRI MD.NADIMUL HAQUE REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TRADITIONAL AND TRIBAL SPORTS.**

(a) Sir, Imphal, where National Sports University is being set up, has road and air connectivity. Imphal Airport is connected by Air India and other private commercial airlines. National Sports University from Imphal Airport can be reached by local transport.

Further, nearest Railway Station from Imphal is at Dimapur (Nagaland) which is at a distance of about 200 KM from Imphal. Imphal is well connected with Dimapur by road. People can reach Imphal from Dimapur by bus / local transport.

(b) & (c): Sports being a State subject, promotion and development of traditional and tribal sports in the country is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments and National Sports Federations (NSFs).

In order to complement/ supplement the efforts of the State Governments and NSFs, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has been implementing various schemes for promotion of sports including traditional and tribal sports in the country.

Traditional and tribal sports form an integral part of the culture and life style of local and tribal communities and the Government considers that active co-operation and support of local and tribal communities is essential for successful promotion and development of traditional and tribal sports.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing the Khelo India Scheme, which *inter alia* has a vertical of “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games”. In order to showcase our rural and indigenous/tribal games, annual competitions will be held annually under the Scheme in rural and indigenous/tribal games alternately. A dynamic and interactive website providing information on such games will also be put up for disseminating information as well as encouraging children and youth to take up these games in a major way, paving way for their future mainstreaming.

Further, to preserve and promote traditional sports in the country, Sports Authority of India under its National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme has introduced a sub-scheme whereby schools

engaged in the promotion of Indigenous Games and Martial Arts (IGMA) are adopted and provided with facilities for the promotion of identified Indigenous Games & Martial Arts.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) has adopted 10 IGMA schools across the country to identify talented sportspersons in 9 Indigenous Games & Martial Arts, and selected trainees are provided with training facilities in the form of expert coach, sports kit, insurance, stipend, annual grant to the school for procurement of equipment, scouting of talent and to conduct competitions.

Presently, under IGMA Scheme, total **164** trainees (**90** boys and **74** girls) are being trained in **10 IGMA** Centres across the country.

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