

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF INDIGENOUS SPORTS

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

- (a) the Steps taken by Government to promote indigenous sports;
- (b) whether Government has any scheme or policy to encourage youth and children to take up indigenous sports as a career;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount sanctioned and utilized by the Ministry during the last three years to promote indigenous sports of the country, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility for development of sports rests primarily with the State Government. The Union Government supplements their efforts.

Under the component "Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports" of Khelo India Scheme and Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA) and Akharas of National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme of Sports Authority of India (SAI), the traditional sports are promoted. Five indigenous games, namely, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Kalarippayattu, Mallakhamb and Yogasan have been included in the Khelo India Games.

(d) The details of funds utilized by the Ministry during the last three years to promote indigenous sports of the country, year-wise are as under: -

(in Rs. crore)

Financial Year	Funds utilized
2019-20	11.75
2020-21	8.09
2021-22	6.63
