

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-319 #
ANSWERED ON- 08/12/2022

TRADITIONAL SPORTS IN THE COUNTRY

319. # Smt. Phulo Devi Netam

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

- (a) the State-wise details of total number of traditional sports in the country;
- (b) the details of efforts being made by Government to promote the said sports and to include them in international sports events, the details thereof with achievement; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to organize State-wise traditional games events in the lines of 'Chhattisgarhia Olympics' organized by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, if not the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to promote sports and organize sports events rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. The 'Sports for rural and indigenous/tribal' sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, is specifically dedicated to the development and promotion of rural, indigenous and tribal games in the country. Indigenous games of Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana and Silambam have been supported under this component. Grants have been sanctioned for infrastructure development, procurement of equipment, appointment of coaches, training of coaches and scholarships to athletes under this Component.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration in this Ministry.
