

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1920**  
ANSWERED ON- 16/03/2023

**PROMOTION OF SIKH MARTIAL ART GATKA IN KHELO INDIA GAMES**

1920 SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to include Sikh Martial Art Gatka in Khelo India and other National sports events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any policy and programs to promote regional sports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated and utilised for promotion of regional sports, including Sikh Martial Art Gatka, during the last five years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) The Sikh Martial Art Gatka was first included in Khelo India Youth Games, 2021, Haryana & was also played in the Khelo India Youth Games, 2022, Madhya Pradesh.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Under the sub-component 'Promotion of Rural and Indigenous & Tribal Games' of Khelo India Scheme, indigenous games such as Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, silambam and yogasana are being supported.

(e) Funds are not allocated component/ sub-component wise under Khelo India scheme. The details of the funds utilized under this component in last 5 financial years are as under:

| S.No. | Financial Year | Funds utilized (in Rs. crore) |
|-------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1.    | 2017-18        | 1.99                          |
| 2.    | 2018-19        | 3.36                          |
| 3.    | 2019-20        | 11.75                         |
| 4.    | 2020-21        | 8.09                          |
| 5.    | 2021-22        | 6.63                          |

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