

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2230
ANSWERED ON- 21/12/2023

PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS OF PUNJAB

2230. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Central Government has initiated any measures to promote traditional sports of Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for the same in the last five years, scheme/year/district-wise for Punjab?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) ‘Sports’ being a State subject, the responsibility of development of traditional sports rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory (UT) Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. Under the sub-component “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games” of the Khelo India Scheme and Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA) and Akharas of National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) scheme of Sports Authority of India (SAI), traditional/ indigenous sports are promoted in the country. Further, the indigenous/ traditional games of Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana and Silambam have been included in Khelo India Games.

Funds are released Scheme-wise, not State/ UT- wise, by this Ministry. The details of the funds allocated and funds utilized under the Khelo India Scheme, including funds for promotion of traditional/ indigenous games, across the country, in the last 5 years are as under:

(in ₹ crore)

Financial Year	Revised Estimate / Budget Estimate	Funds Utilized
2018-19	500.09	342.24
2019-20	578.00	575.52
2020-21	328.77	338.06
2021-22	869.00	764.29
2022-23	600.00	596.39
2023-24	1000.00	414.11
