

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-636
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PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL GAMES

636. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) whether Government has details on the number of athletes in games like mallakhamb, Thang Ta, Yogasana, and other traditional Indian games and if so, the detail thereof;
- (b) the details on sporting talent from rural areas identified and trained in traditional games;
- (c) the details on number of traditional games in Khelo India in last three years; and
- (d) whether Government has any plan to promote traditional Indian games for global meets and if so, the detail thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b) With a view to revive and promote traditional /indigenous games, this Ministry is supporting Silambam, Kalaripayatu, Mallakhamb, Khomlainai, Gatka, Mukna, Thang-Ta, etc. under Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA), a sub scheme of National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) run by Sports Authority of India (SAI). A total of 133 athletes are being supported under this scheme.

(c) Under the “Promotion of Rural/ Indigenous & Tribal Games” sub-component under “Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sport” component of the Khelo India Scheme, traditional games such as Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Silambam, Yogasana and Thang-Ta are being supported.

(d) For promotion of traditional Indian games, financial support is being provided to conduct various National Championships under the scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations to improve their competitiveness. Further some National Sports Federations viz Kho Kho, Kabaddi and Yogasana, recognised by the government to promote the concerned indigenous/traditional sports, are provided assistance for conduct of national coaching camp, participation of Indian players in International events and also for organising International tournaments in India to promote the game globally.
