

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS AND MARTIAL ARTS

1264 MS. DOLA SEN:

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any initiatives to popularize traditional Indian sports like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho Kalaripayattu, etc;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken any initiative to promote Kalaripayattu, an Indian martial art in States where it is a common practice; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including promotion of traditional sports and martial arts, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. However, the 'Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games' sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, is specifically dedicated to the development and promotion of rural and indigenous games in the country. Indigenous games like Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana and Silambam have been identified for promotion under this component and were made part of Khelo India Games. Grants are sanctioned for infrastructure development, equipment support, appointment of coaches, training of coaches and scholarships to the athletes identified under this component.
