

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1110
ANSWERD ON-13/02/2025

RECOGNITION OF NON-TRADITIONAL SPORTS

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

- (a) the number of non-traditional sports such as e-sports and drone racing that have been officially recognized by Government in the last five years;
- (b) whether there are any specific schemes to support the development of infrastructure and talent in these emerging sports, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Ministry to ensure that these sports are accessible to rural and underprivileged youth?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c): At present no federation has been recognized as National Sports Federation (NSF) for e-sports and drone racing by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The Ministry grants recognition to NSFs for the promotion and development of the respective sports disciplines in the country, which in turn makes them eligible to receive financial and other forms of support from the Government. This Ministry provides financial assistance to recognized NSFs under its Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, wherein funds are given for the training of athletes, which includes all requisite support for training, participation in international events, conduct of national championships, conduct of international tournaments in India, engagement of Foreign Coaches/support staff, scientific & medical support etc.
