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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF PICKLEBALL IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the growing demand for pickleball in the country and the increasing popularity of this sport across various age groups;
- (b) whether Government has considered recognizing pickleball as an official sport, if so, the steps being taken towards this recognition;
- (c) the efforts being made by Government to promote pickleball at the grassroots level, including the establishment of infrastructure and training programmes; and
- (d) whether there are any plans to organize national-level tournaments or events to foster its growth in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) Promotion and development of specific sports discipline is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF). The Government recognizes NSFs at the national level in terms of the laid down criteria for grant of recognition of NSFs under the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 and subsequent guidelines issued from time to time. The Government recognition makes the NSFs eligible for financial and other forms of support from the Government.

Currently, no Federation/Association for Pickleball has been recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
