

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2232**  
ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2025

**PROMOTION OF INDIGENOUS SPORTS IN HARYANA**

2232. SMT. REKHA SHARMA

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to promote indigenous sports such as kabaddi, kushti and gatka in Haryana;
- (b) the details of funds released for this purpose during the last five years; and
- (c) whether Haryana's traditional Akhada ecosystem is being considered for integration into modern sports infrastructure?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including promotion of indigenous sports such as Kabaddi, Kushti and Gatka and integrating traditional Akhada ecosystem into modern sports infrastructure, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes to promote sports across the country, including indigenous games like Kabaddi, Kushti and Gatka in the State of Haryana:

- (i) Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports;
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations;
- (iii) Cash Incentive to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches;
- (iv) National Sports Awards;
- (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons;
- (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons;
- (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and
- (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

In addition, 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.

Funds are released Scheme-wise and not State-wise or discipline-wise in this Ministry. The details of funds released under various Sports Development Schemes of the Department of Sports across the country, including for promotion of indigenous sports such as Kabaddi, Kushti and in Haryana, during the last five years are as under:

(amount in ₹ crore)

Financial Year	Funds Released
2024-25	2136.97
2023-24	2329.35
2022-23	1879.99
2021-22	1748.76
2020-21	1304.12

No such proposal is under consideration in this Ministry to integrate Haryana's traditional Akhada ecosystem into modern sports infrastructure.

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