

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-640
ANSWERED ON- 04/12/2025

EXCLUSION OF KICKBOXING FROM UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SPORTS DISCIPLINES

640. SHRI A. A. RAHIM

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the decision of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) to exclude Kickboxing from the list of recognised university-level sports disciplines and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) year-wise details of student participation in Kickboxing events conducted under AIU during the last five years, along with the details of achievements made by Indian university athletes in National and International competitions;

(c) whether the Ministry has reviewed the impact of this exclusion on student-athletes who have been training and competing in Kickboxing under the AIU framework; and

(d) whether the Ministry proposes to advise AIU to reconsider its decision and reinstate Kickboxing?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has informed this Ministry about its decision to exclude some sports disciplines including Kick Boxing with the objective of streamlining the Sports Calendar and ensuring focused attention on sports disciplines that command wider student participation and carry national and international relevance.

(b) Year-wise details of student participation in Kickboxing events conducted under AIU during the last five years are enclosed in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) This Ministry has recognised Association of Indian Universities – Inter University Sports Board as the National Sports Promotion Organisation (NSPO) which is an autonomous body and responsible for promotion and development of sports among universities in the country. The responsibility for inclusion and exclusion of any sports discipline in the annual calendar of the university sports rests with the AIU.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 640 FOR 04.12.2025 ASKED BY SHRI A. A. RAHIM REGARDING “EXCLUSION OF KICKBOXING FROM UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SPORTS DISCIPLINES”.

Year-wise details of student participation in Kickboxing events conducted under AIU during the last five years

S.No.	Year	Total Number of Participants
1	2020-21	Cancelled due to Covid
2	2021-22	283(Men) 134(Women)
3	2022-23	541(Men) 301(Women)
4	2023-24	360(Men) 168(Women)
5	2024-25	393(Men) 199(Women)
