

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 409
ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

APPOINTMENT OF SPORTSPERSONS

409 SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) the details of sports which qualify for appointment of meritorious sportspersons;
- (b) whether it is a fact that beach volleyball does not qualify for such appointments;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that beach volleyball is a recognised sport under the Khelo India Beach Games; and
- (d) if so, the rationale for exclusion of beach volleyball from the sports that qualify for such appointments?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 409 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026 REGARDING “APPOINTMENT OF SPORTSPERSONS” ASKED BY SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA.

(a) to (d): Ministries/Department of Government of India recruit meritorious sportsmen against sports quota vacancies in accordance with the consolidated instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoP&T) vide their O.M. No. 14032/01/2013-Est(D) dated 3rd October, 2013 (further consolidated vide OM dated 18.11.2022 and 04.03.2024). These instructions and the details thereof are available at <https://doptcirculars.nic.in> and also on the website of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

A total of sixty-five (65) disciplines are eligible for recruitment under the sports quota. The details of the eligible sports are attached at Annexure. Further, Beach Volleyball is not included in the list of eligible disciplines under sports quota. However, Khelo India Beach Games is conducted for various disciplines including Beach Volleyball.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 409 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026 REGARDING “APPOINTMENT OF SPORTSPERSONS” ASKED BY SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA

S.N.	Name of Sport	S.N.	Name of Sport	S.N.	Name of Sport
1.	Archery	29.	Kabaddi	57.	Triathlon
2.	Athletics	30.	Karate	58.	Tug-of-war
3.	Atya – Patya	31.	Kayaking & Canoeing	59.	Volleyball
4.	Badminton	32.	Kho – Kho	60.	Weightlifting
5.	Ball-Badminton	33.	Kudo	61.	Wushu
6.	Baseball	34.	Mallakhamb	62.	Wrestling
7.	BasketBall	35.	Motor Sports	63.	Yachting
8.	Billiards & Snookers	36.	Net Ball	64.	Tennis Ball Cricket
9.	Body-Building	37.	Para Sports (for sports discipline included in para Olympics and Para Asian Games)	65.	Yogasana
10.	Boxing	38.	Pencak Silat		
11.	Bridge	39.	Polo		
12.	Carrom	40.	Powerlifting		
13.	Chess	41.	Shooting		
14.	Cricket	42.	Shooting Ball		
15.	Cycling	43.	Roll Ball		
16.	Cycle Polo	44.	Roller Skating		
17.	Deaf Sports	45.	Rowing		
18.	Equestrian	46.	Rugby		
19.	Fencing	47.	Sepak Takraw		
20.	Football	48.	Soft Ball		
21.	Golf	49.	Soft Tennis		
22.	Gymnastics	50.	Squash		
23.	Handball	51.	Swimming		
24.	Hockey	52.	Table Tennis		
25.	Ice-Hockey	53.	Taekwondo		
26.	Ice-Skating	54.	Tenni-Koit		
27.	Ice-Skiing	55.	Tennis		
28.	Judo	56.	Tenpin Bowling		
