

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 799
ANSWERED ON-05/02/2026

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

799 SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

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

- (a) the number of National-Sports-Federations (NSFs) registered in the country, as per the latest records, the number recognized by Government and those affiliated with the Indian Olympic Association and the respective international federations, discipline-wise;
- (b) the budgetary-allocations made during the last five years to recognized NSFs towards capacity building, infrastructure-support and development programme and the utilization status thereof;
- (c) the measures taken to streamline the affiliation of NSFs with international bodies to enhance India's presence in global competitions; and
- (d) whether Government proposes performance-linked support and monitoring mechanisms to strengthen un-recognized sports federations and ensure broader sporting excellence across the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) National Sports Federations (NSFs) are voluntary bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860/ Trusts Act/ Companies Act. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports recognizes NSFs at the national level for promotion and development of sports as per the laid down criteria in the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 ("Sports Code"). As per the Sports Code, NSFs are fully responsible and accountable for the overall management, direction, control, regulation, promotion, development and sponsorship of the discipline for which they are recognized by the concerned International Federation. The Government recognition of NSFs is renewed on year to year basis. A total 53 NSFs were lastly recognised

as on 31.12.2025. Details of recognized NSFs along with the affiliation status with IOA and respective international federation, sports discipline-wise are given at Annexure.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs provides financial assistance to recognized NSFs towards training of athletes which includes all requisite facilities for their preparations including wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, equipment support, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and foreign coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc. besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad.

The plans / proposals of the NSFs relating to training, competitive exposure, coaches and support personnel including foreign coaches, for preparing sportspersons/teams for the international events including mega-sports events are deliberated and finalized in the Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) meetings.

Details of budget allocation and expenditure during the last five years under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs are given as under:

Year	Budgetary Allocation		Expenditure
	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	
	(Rupees in crore)		
2020-21	245.00	132.00	128.62
2021-22	280.00	181.00	112.07
2022-23	280.00	280.00	272.86
2023-24	325.00	325.00	321.58
2024-25	340.00	340.00	256.05

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 799 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/02/2026 REGARDING “RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS” ASKED BY SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA

S. No.	Recognized National Sports Federation by the Ministry	Sports Discipline	Affiliation with Indian Olympic Association	Affiliation with respective International Federation
1.	All India Chess Federation	Chess	No	Yes
2.	All India Football Federation	Football	Yes	Yes
3.	All India Sports Council for Deaf	Sport among deaf athletes	No	Yes
4.	All India Tennis Association	Tennis	Yes	Yes
5.	Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India	Kabaddi	Yes	Yes
6.	Amateur Soft Tennis Federation of India	Soft Tennis	No	Yes
7.	Archery Association of India	Archery	Yes	Yes
8.	Athletics Federation of India	Athletics	Yes	Yes
9.	Atya Patya Federation of India	Atya Patya	No	No International Federation exists. Affiliated with Asian Federation.
10.	Badminton Association of India	Badminton	Yes	Yes
11.	Ball Badminton Federation of India	Ball Badminton	No	No International Federation exists. Affiliated with Asian Federation.
12.	Basketball Federation of India	Basketball	Yes	Yes
13.	Billiards & Snookers Federation of India	Billiards & Snookers	No	Yes
14.	Boxing Federation of India	Boxing	Yes	Yes
15.	Bridge Federation of India	Bridge	No	Yes
16.	Cycling Federation of India	Cycling	Yes	Yes
17.	Fencing Association of India	Fencing	Yes	Yes
18.	Gymnastics Federation of India	Gymnastics	Yes	Yes
19.	Hockey India	Hockey	Yes	Yes
20.	Indian Golf Union	Golf	Yes	Yes

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21.	Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association	Kayaking & Canoeing	Yes	Yes
22.	Indian Pencak Silat Federation	PencakSilat	No	Yes
23.	Indian Pickleball Association	Pickleball	No	Yes
24.	Indian Polo Association	Polo	No	Yes
25.	Indian Rugby Football Union	Rugby	Yes	Yes
26.	Indian Triathlon Federation	Triathlon	Yes	Yes
27.	Indian Weightlifting Federation	Weightlifting	Yes	Yes
28.	Kho-Kho Federation of India	Kho-Kho	No	Yes
29.	KIFI Association	Kudo	No	Yes
30.	Korfball Federation of India	Korfball	No	Yes
31.	National Rifle Association of India	Rifle	Yes	Yes
32.	Netball Federation of India	Netball	Yes	Yes
33.	Paralympic Committee of India	Para-sport	No	Yes
34.	Roll Ball Federation of India	Roll Ball	No	Yes
35.	Roller Skating Federation of India	Roller Skating	No	Yes
36.	Rowing Federation of India	Rowing	Yes	Yes
37.	School Games Federation of India	School Games	No	Yes
38.	Sepaktakraw Federation of India	Sepaktakraw	No	Yes
39.	Shooting Ball Federation of India	Shooting Ball	No	Yes
40.	Special Olympics Bharat	Sports for persons with Intellectual Disabilities	No	Yes
41.	Squash Racket Federation of India	Squash Racket	Yes	Yes
42.	Surfing Federation of India	Surfing	No	Yes
43.	Swimming Federation of India	Swimming	Yes	Yes
44.	Table Tennis Federation of India	Table Tennis	Yes	Yes
45.	Tennikoit Federation of India	Tennikoit	No	Yes
46.	Tennis Ball Cricket Federation of India	Tennis Ball Cricket	No	Yes
47.	Tug of War Federation of India	Tug of War	No	Yes
48.	Volleyball Federation of India (Interim Body)	Volleyball	Yes	No

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49.	Wako India Kickboxing Federation	Kickboxing	No	Yes
50.	Wrestling Federation of India	Wrestling	Yes	Yes
51.	Wushu Association of India	Wushu	Yes	Yes
52.	Yachting Association of India	Yachting	No	Yes
53.	Yogasana Bharat	Yogasana	No	Yes
