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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF THANG-TA MARTIAL ARTS

3034. SMT. ADHIKARIMAYUM SHARDA DEVI

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

- (a) the details of implementation of Khelo Bharat Niti, 2025 and the initiatives taken to promote indigenous martial arts, particularly Thang-Ta;
- (b) whether Government has taken note that Thang-Ta, originating from Manipur, has expanded to over 30 States and Union Territories, with recognised State, National and International Federations, and has been included in the Khelo India School Games and universities;
- (c) whether financial assistance is proposed for its training, infrastructure and competitions; and
- (d) the measures envisaged to promote Thang-Ta globally and strengthen indigenous sports under Khelo Bharat Niti, 2025, in line with India's Vision 2047?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (d) The Khelo Bharat Niti, 2025 provides a whole-of-Government framework for sports development through convergence among Central Ministries, National Sports Federations (NSFs), educational institutions, the private sector and other stakeholders. It is being implemented through existing schemes of the Department of Sports and Sports Authority of India.

Currently, this Ministry has not recognized any sports federation/association as a National Sports Federation for the sport of Thang-Ta. However, Thang-Ta has been a part of Khelo India Youth Games.

The Ministry, in accordance with the objectives of Khelo Bharat Niti, 2025 promotes development of indigenous games with a view to enriching India's sports landscape and preserving cultural heritage. Financial assistance is also provided for imparting training for indigenous sports and martial arts including Thang-Ta, under Indigenous Games and Martial Arts (IGMA) Scheme of Sports Authority of India. In addition, the 'Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games' a sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, is specifically dedicated to the development and promotion of rural and indigenous games, including Thang-Ta, in the country. These initiatives are aimed at strengthening indigenous sports, enhancing the visibility of India's traditional sporting heritage in alignment with the broader objectives of India's Vision 2047.
