

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2807
TO BE ANSWERD ON 04.01.2018**

Sports other than Cricket

2807. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

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

(a) whether it is true that India is nothing short of a revolution in our sporting landscape;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that there is an urgent need to give importance to other sports and games along with cricket;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is taking any steps to encourage all other games and sports including Kabbadi and Badminton on the lines of Cricket in the country, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)]**

(a) to (d): Madam, there has been a gradual improvement in the performance of Indian sportspersons/teams in international sporting arena with outstanding performances in Kabaddi & Badminton. 'Sports' is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and the National Sports Federations (NSFs) for promotion and development of their respective discipline of sports. Government supplements the efforts of NSFs by providing financial

assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, for participation of sportspersons / teams in international sports events abroad, training/coaching of sportspersons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches, engagement of Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and consumables etc. Government has recognised Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India and Badminton Association of India for promotion of Kabaddi and Badminton respectively in the country. Also Kabaddi has been placed in 'Priority' category and Badminton in the 'High Priority' category so that they get maximum assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Sports Authority of India (SAI) under its sports promotion schemes has introduced Kabaddi and Badminton discipline at various centres.

Government does not give any financial assistance to Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which governs the sport of cricket in the country.
