

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018**

Promotion of Traditional Sports

†3331. PROF. SADHU SINGH:

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

(a) whether the traditional sports like bullock cart race and Jallikattu are still prevalent in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps for promotion of traditional sports like bullock cart race in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)}**

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing the Khelo India Scheme which inter-alia has a vertical of “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games”. In order to showcase our rural and indigenous/tribal games, annual competitions will be held annually under the Scheme in rural and indigenous/tribal games alternately. So far, traditional sports like bullock cart race and Jallikattu have not been supported under this Scheme, nor is there any proposal to promote

traditional games like bullock cart race and Jallikattu at present. Therefore, this Ministry is not maintaining any data regarding prevalence of such games in rural areas of the country.
