

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †6243  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2018**

**Promotion of Kho-Kho**

**†6243. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to appoint coaches at Panchayat level to promote the games of Kho-Kho in schools in rural areas of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame set for the purpose; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the other steps taken/being taken for promotion of Kho-Kho?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) No, Madam.**
- (b) Does not arise.**
- (c) Sports is a State subject, and, therefore, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to promote sports in the country including Kho-Kho in schools in rural areas. The Central Government however complements/supplements the efforts of the State Governments.**

**The Ministry is implementing a number of sports promotional schemes for development of sports in the country. Such major Schemes, which provide for promotion of Kho-Kho are as under :**

- i. Khelo India Scheme : This Scheme forms the basic platform to showcase sporting skills and talent spotting and for providing development pathways for gifted and talented children to achieve excellence. The Scheme provides for organising Khelo India National School Games and Khelo India National University Games in respect of High priority / priority sports disciplines, including Kho-Kho.**
- ii. Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSF)s: Under this Scheme, financial assistance is given to NSF's for various activities, such as, holding coaching camps for national level sportspersons, national championships for sub-junior, junior and senior categories, organizing international tournaments in India, participation in international tournaments abroad, procurement of sports/sports science equipment and consumables, engagement of foreign coaches/experts to train athletes, etc. Kho-Kho Federation of India has been recognized by the Government as a National Sports Federation.**

**In addition, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, is implementing a number of sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions. Kho Kho is one of the sports disciplines being supported under some of these Schemes.**

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