

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 996
TO BE ANSWERD ON 08.02.2018**

Importance to other Sports

**996. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of an urgent need to give importance to other sports and games along with cricket;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage all other games and sports including Kabbadi and Badminton on the lines of cricket in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Madam, '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. There has been a gradual improvement in the performance of Indian sportspersons/teams in international sporting arena with outstanding performances in Kabaddi & Badminton.

Further, to encourage sports for all thus allowing the population across gender and all age groups to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development the Government has launched Khelo India Scheme, which has following components:-

- (i) Play Field Development**
- (ii) Community Coaching Development**
- (iii) State Level Khelo India Centres**
- (iv) Annual Sports Competitions**
- (v) Talent Search and Development**
- (vi) Utilisation and Creation/ Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure**
- (vii) Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies**
- (viii) Physical Fitness of School going Children**
- (ix) Sports for Women**
- (x) Promotion of Sports among persons with disabilities**
- (xi) Sports for Peace and Development**
- (xii) Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games**

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.
