

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1001
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.06.2019**

Sports Culture

1001. SHRI B.B. PATIL

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

- (a) whether absence of sports culture is one of the major reasons for miserable condition of sports and games in the country; and**
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to change the attitude of the guardians and the society towards the sports and games in the country?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ SHRI KIREN RIJIJU }**

(a) and (b) Central Government has been promoting sports and sports culture by supporting sportspersons for excellence at international level through National Sports Federations (NSFs) as well as directly under Target Olympic Podium Scheme. Under Khelo India Scheme emphasis is laid on early scouting of talent and its nurturing, quality coaching and bridging critical gaps in sports infrastructure. Many Indian players have earned accolades at international level by winning medals in various championships. Government is helping NSFs in organizing national competitions and organizing annual Khelo India competitions. These efforts have helped in spreading the culture of sports which is an ongoing process.
