

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.962
ANSWERED ON 13/12/2022**

Promotion of Sports in Rural Areas

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

(a) whether the number of overall international medals that India has won during the last five years has increased from the previous five years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government schemes are focusing on increasing interest in sports in the rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Indian sports such as wrestling, Kabbadi and Kho Kho are being promoted via Government schemes and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) The details of number of overall international medals that India has won in international competitions including Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games during last five years as compared to previous years are as under:

S No.	Year	Medals won
1	2018 to 2022	1414
2	2013 to 2018	1180

(b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country, including in rural areas, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports in the country, including in the rural areas:

(i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports (One of the components of Khelo India Scheme "Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games" is specifically dedicated towards promotion of sports in rural areas);

(ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations;

(iii) Special Cash Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches;

(iv) National Sports Awards;

(v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons;

(vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund;

(vii) National Sports Development Fund; and

(viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

(c) Indian sports such as wrestling, Kabbadi and Kho Kho are being promoted via various schemes of the Ministry, such as Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, Khelo India, and also through the Sports Promotion Schemes of the Sports Authority of India, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
