

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4496
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023**

Bullock Cart Race

4496. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that bullock cart races in Punjab and especially in Ludhiana have been a very popular traditional sport and a source of income generation for local people and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that bullock cart races have been banned in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor especially in the State of Punjab;**
- (c) whether the Government has allowed certain sports like Jallikattu which involve bulls to be conducted in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of all the games involving animals which have been allowed in the country along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to all legal complications and other aspects to enable conduct of bullock cart races in Punjab and especially in Ludhiana in a regulated manner; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR }**

(a) to (f) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements the Khelo India Scheme which, inter-alia, has a sub-component of “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games”. The events like bullock cart race and Jallikattu, have not been supported under this Scheme or any other scheme of the Ministry, nor is there any proposal to promote such games at present.
