

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3145
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2023**

Promotion of Traditional Sports

†3145. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

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

- (a) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to promote traditional sports;**
- (b) the details of the financial assistance to be given by the Union Government to the State Government for the promotion of traditional sports;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to hold traditional sports competition at the national level; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

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

(a) to (d) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including promotion of traditional sports and holding their competitions, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. However, the 'Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games' sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, is specifically dedicated to the development and promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games in the country. Indigenous/traditional games of Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana and Silambam have been identified for promotion under this component and these games are part of annually organised Khelo India University/ Youth Games. Grants are sanctioned for infrastructure development, equipment support, appointment of coaches, training of coaches and scholarships to the identified athletes under this Component.
