

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 796
TO BE ANSWERD ON 21.11.2019**

Holding of National Games

796. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

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

- (a) the number of National Games held in India post 1924;**
- (b) the reasons for not conducting the games at regular intervals;**
- (c) whether the irregular conduct of National Games has affected the country's competitiveness in sports internationally and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to conduct National Games at a regular interval?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) to (b) Uptil now 35 editions of the National Games have been held. The National Games are organized by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Central and State Governments assist the IOA. The last National Games were held in Kerala in the year 2015. IOA has not been able to organize the National Games at regular intervals. IOA has scheduled the 36th National Games in Goa in October – November 2020.

(c) Opportunities for participation in competitions are available to athletes in Khelo India Games as well as in the national competitions / events organized by the respective National Sports Federations.

(d) The Government does not organize the National Games. The need to organize National Games at regular intervals has been impressed upon the IOA. Department of Sports has been extending financial assistance to State Governments for development of infrastructure for organizing National Games.
