

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4918
TO BE ANSWERD ON 25.03.2021**

Major Sports Events

†4918. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to make special efforts at international level for organisation of major sports events like Olympic, Football World Cup etc. in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made efforts to provide recognition to rural and local sports at the national and international level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI KIREN RIJIJU]**

(a) & (b) The Ministry recognises the importance of hosting of international sports events in India. The impact of such events on the spread, popularity and general development of a sport is significant as well as in building a credible image of the country as a reliable venue to host and hold international sports events. With the objective of encouraging National Sports Federations (NSFs) to host international sports tournaments in the country, the

Government provides necessary support including financial assistance and requisite clearances to recognised NSFs for holding international sports events in India.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has given its clearance to All India Football Federation for organizing FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 in India.

(c) & (d) This Ministry has recognised Kho Kho Federation of India, Indian Kalaripayattu Federation, Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India and National Yogasana Sports Federation for the promotion and development of respective indigenous/ traditional sports disciplines. The Government recognition makes them eligible for availing admissible financial and other support from the Government for conducting national championships and participation of Indian sportspersons / teams in international events.

Further, Yogasana, Mallakhamb, Gatka, Kalaripayattu and Thangta have been included in the upcoming Khelo India Youth Games, Haryana, 2021.
