

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1547
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2021**

Promotion of Traditional Rural Sports 'SILAMBAM'

1547. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is having any special schemes for promoting sports talent among rural youth and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the amount budgeted and spent for the purpose during the last five years;**
- (c) whether traditional rural sports such as 'SILAMBAM' in Tamil Nadu are accorded priority in the schemes for rural sports promotion and development; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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

(a) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports in the country, including the rural areas:

(i) Khelo India Scheme; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special 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.

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

(b) During the last five years, ₹ 7,072.28 crore were allocated and ₹ 6,801.30 crore released under the various sports development schemes of this Ministry.

(c) and (d) The traditional sports of Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana and Silambam have been identified for promotion by this Ministry under the “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games” component of the Khelo India Scheme.
