

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 313  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2021**

**Inclusion of Ball Badminton Game in Arjun Awards**

**313. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:**

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

**(a) whether the Ball Badminton game is not in the list for Arjun Award as it was in the list till 1984 and is now approved as school game also;**

**(b) if so, whether this game has Global presence in countries like Malayasia, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal etc.;**

**(c) if so, the details thereof; and**

**(d) whether there is any proposal for the inclusion of above said game in the list for Arjun Awards, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

**(a): The Ball Badminton game is in the list for Arjuna Award. The Ministry invites application for the Arjuna Awards from sportspersons of various sports disciplines, including Ball Badminton, as per the provisions laid down in the scheme on Arjuna Award amended from time to time. To be eligible for the award, a sportsperson should have had not only good performance consistently for the previous four years at the international level, but also should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.**

**Ball Badminton game is indigenous game and affiliated to Ball Badminton Federation of Asia. Six Arjuna Awardees, who excelled in Ball Badminton, are Shri J. Pitchya in 1970, Ms Jayamma Srinivasan in 1972, Shri A. Karim in 1973, Shri L.A. Iqbal in 1975, Shri A. Sam Christ Das in 1976 and Shri D. Raja Raman in 1984.**

**(b): Yes, sir.**

**(c): The Ball Badminton Federation of Asia has the following affiliated units:-**

**Nepal, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Philippines.**

**(d) As stated above, the game Ball Badminton is already in the list for Arjuna Awards.**

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