

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2262

TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2022

Winter Sports Federation

2262. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

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

(a) whether the Government has not provided affiliation to Winter Sports Federations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details and the number of such federations which were provided Government affiliation along with the number of Federations of National Level pending affiliation;

(d) the number of federations with applications pending which are governing Winter Olympic Sports;

(e) the number of Winter Sports which are not at all governed by any Federation affiliated to the Government;

(f) the reasons for the delay in providing affiliation to all the above Winter Sports; and

(g) the measures being taken by the Government to improve Winter Sports?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): “Sports” being a state subject, the responsibility for promotion and development of sports rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. This Ministry recognizes National

Sports Federations as per the guidelines of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 and instructions issued from time to time. The Ministry has recognized Ice Hockey Federation of India as a National Sports Promotion Organization. At present, no proposal for recognition as NSF relating to winter sports is pending on the part of this Ministry.

(g): With the objective of promotion and development of winter sports, this Ministry has initiated the annual national-level Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg (Jammu & Kashmir) under the Khelo India Scheme since 2020. The first Khelo India Winter Games were held from 7th-11th March 2020, which saw a participation of 955 athletes in the disciplines of Snow Skiing, Snow Rugby, Snow Ice Stock, Snow Baseball, Snow Mountaineering, Snow Shoe, Ice Hockey. The second Khelo India Winter Games were held in the disciplines of Snow Ski, Ice Hockey, Ice Stock, Snow Shoe, Snow Ski Mountaineering, Ice Skating from 26th February to 2nd March, 2021 at Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir with 787 participants. Khelo India Winter Games have also been introduced at the UT-level in Ladakh since 2020. Further, under the Khelo India Scheme, Rs. 2.77 crore has been sanctioned to ITBP for the Construction of Ice Hockey Rink at Leh and Rs. 6.27 crores for procurement of winter sports equipment.
