

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5499
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2022**

Unrecognised National Sports Federation

5499. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether there is any policy to route support to unrecognised National Sports Federations through Indian Olympic Association;**
- (b) if so, the number of federations that have been supported through India Olympic Association (IOA) during the last three years along with details of funds released; and**
- (c) if not, the time by which the Government focused on all sports disciplines and supported them with equal financial allocation?**

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

(a)& (b): With a view to ensure healthy management practices, accountability and transparency in the functioning of National Sports Federations (NSFs), the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports brought the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (Sports Code) in January 2011, which, inter-alia, provides guidelines for recognition of NSFs. As per the laid down criteria, the Ministry grants recognition to NSFs for promotion and development of the respective sports disciplines. The Government recognition makes the NSFs eligible for financial and other forms of support from the Government.

Under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, recognized NSFs are directly supported for preparation and participation of the Indian sportspersons / teams in the international sporting events.

The sportspersons / teams in the multi-disciplinary sporting events are fielded by Indian Olympic Association. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports provides grants to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for expenditure incurred on air passage, accommodation, ceremonial kit, playing kit etc. towards participation of the Indian contingent in International multi-sports events such as Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games etc.

(c): Sports is a 'State' subject and the primary responsibility of development of Sports rests with the States. However, the various sports disciplines included in the programme of Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games are well supported by the Government through the recognized NSFs.
