

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 972  
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024**

**Indoor Mini Stadiums**

**972. SMT. MALVIKA DEVI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposals to build Indoor mini stadiums in all the District headquarters, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has proposed to include Kabaddi and Malkham in the Olympics, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government and incentives proposed to encourage girls to take part in all kinds of sports at district levels?**

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
{ DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA }**

**(a) No, Sir.**

**(b) The inclusion of any sport discipline in the Olympic Games is determined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC requires that a sport discipline be governed by an International Federation that adheres to the rules of the Olympic Charter. Additionally, the sport must be widely practiced worldwide and meet various other criteria.**

**(c) Since 'sports' is a state subject, the primary responsibility for the development of sports lies with State and Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by addressing critical gaps. The sports policy of this Ministry aims to strengthen the entire sports ecosystem to promote mass participation and excellence in sports across the country. It focuses on broadening the base of sports among the youth and promoting sports activities nationwide, including for female sportspersons.**

**Moreover, under the 'Sports for Women' sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, special emphasis is placed on encouraging the participation of women athletes. Various Khelo India Women's League events are conducted under this initiative, significantly increasing women's participation in sports across the nation. This initiative has provided ample opportunities for women athletes to compete, learn, and grow across all age groups.**

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