

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †146
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

Kabaddi in Olympic Games

†146. SHRI RAMASHANKAR RAJBHAR:

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

- (a) the time by which Kabaddi is likely to be included in the Olympic Games;**
- (b) the total number of countries interested in the said competition; and**
- (c) the details of measures being taken by the Government to include the said game in Olympic?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (c) Inclusion of any sport discipline in the Olympic Games is decided by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among other things, IOC has prescribed that a sport discipline must be governed by an International Federation which undertakes to follow the rules of the Olympic Charter and it must also be practised widely across the world and meet various criteria.

Further, as per the information available on the website of International Kabaddi Federation (IKF), 36 countries have membership of IKF.
