

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*307
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025**

Promotion of Traditional Sports

**†*307. Smt. Delkar Kalaben Mohanbhai:
 Shri Nilesh Dnyandev Lanke:**

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

- (a) the steps taken to promote traditional sports like Kabaddi and Kho-Kho across the country, particularly in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli;**
- (b) the initiatives taken to identify and promote sportspersons in the rural areas across the country, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to organise national level sports events in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

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

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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REGARDING “PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS” ASKED BY SMT.
DEDKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI AND SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE,
HON’BLE MEMBERS OF LOK SABHA**

(a) to (d) ‘Sports’ being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including promotion of traditional sports like Kabaddi and Kho-Kho, identification and promotion of talent and organisation of national-level sports events in the country, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes to promote sports, including games like Kabaddi and Kho-Kho in the country, including in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli:

- (i) Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports;**
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations;**
- (iii) Cash Incentive to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches;**
- (iv) National Sports Awards;**
- (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons;**
- (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons;**
- (vii) National Sports Development Fund (NSDF); and**
- (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI).**

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and SAI.

In addition, the ‘Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games’ sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, is specifically dedicated to the development and promotion of rural and indigenous games in the country. Indigenous games like Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana and Silambam have been identified for promotion under this component and were made part of Khelo India Games. Grants are sanctioned for infrastructure development, equipment support, appointment of coaches, training of coaches and scholarships to the athletes identified under this component. There are 8 Khelo India Accredited Academies (KIAAs) operational with the discipline Kabaddi. Further, Khelo India Centres (KICs) have been notified in various traditional sports such as Kho Kho, Kabaddi, Mallakhamb, etc. Details of these KIAAs and KICs are at Annexure – I.

Further, under the component, “Sports Competition and Talent Development” of the Khelo India Scheme, talented sportspersons nationwide, are identified as a Khelo India Athlete (KIA). Selection of these athletes is based on their outstanding performance in events such as the Khelo India Games, National Championships, and through open and transparent selection trials organized by the relevant National Sports Federations and the School Games Federation of India. Selection of Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) is done on merit through set protocols by the Talent Identification Development Committee (TIDC). Further, under the component “Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies” of Khelo India Scheme, the identified talents are given option to join the accredited Khelo India academies and also provided financial assistance of Rs. 6.28 Lakh per annum [including Rs 1.20 Lakh as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA)] towards training expenses, coaching, competitions exposure, education, equipment support, scientific support etc.

Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), this Ministry provides support to recognised NSFs to organize competitions. Further, under Khelo India Scheme, SAI organises national level sports events. The above events are organised across the country, including in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli. Details of these are available in the public domain at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in>.

ANNEXURE – I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. †*307 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025 REGARDING “PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS” ASKED BY SMT. DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI AND SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE, HON’BLE MEMBERS OF LOK SABHA

List of Accredited Academies with the Discipline Kabaddi

S. No.	State	District	Name of Academy
1.	Gujarat	Gandhinagar	NCOE Gandhinagar (Boys & Girls)
2.	Haryana	Sonepat	Anoop Sports Village, Sonipat, Haryana (Boys)
3.	Haryana	Karnal	Arya Kanya Gurukul Sr. Sec. School, Vill Mor Majra Karnal (Girls)
4.	Haryana	Sonepat	NCOE Sonepat (Boys & Girls)
5.	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra	NCOE Dharamshala (Girls)
6.	Maharashtra	Kolhapur	Kabaddi Rao's Academy, Kolhapur, Maharashtra (Boys)
7.	Tamil Nadu	Namakkal	SPK Sports Academy of SPK Education trust under SPK Matriculation HR. SEC School, Kadachanallur (Boys & Girls)
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Gautam Buddha Nagar	Noida College of Physical Education, Gautm Budda Nagar (Girls)

List of KICs with Indigenous/Traditional Sports

S. No.	State	S. No.	District	S. No.	Name of KIC	Discipline
1.	Assam	1.	Barpeta	1.	Bajali Krida Sanstha Playground, Pathshala, Dist. Barpeta	Kabaddi
		2.	Darrang	2.	Bhakatpara Bodo Sports Club	Kabaddi
		3.	Kamrup	3.	Dakshin Kamrup Rural Stadiumm, Mirza,	Kho Kho
		4.	Kamrup Metropolitan	4.	Sonapur HS School	Kho Kho
		5.	Nalbari	5.	Kho-Kho Coaching Centre	Kho Kho
2.	Bihar	6.	Banka	6.	Village Gorgama, P.O. – Gorgama, P.S.- Amarpur, Dist. - Banka	Kabaddi
		7.	Begusarai	7.	Mahatma Gandhi High School, Bihar and Vaidhai Ballabh Sharma, Bihar	Kabaddi
		8.	Buxar	8.	Vill PO Brahampur, Buxar	Kabaddi
		9.	Lakhisarai	9.	Purani Bazaar Ward, Surajpur	Kho Kho
		10.	Madhepura	10.	B.P. Mandal Indoor Stadium	Kabaddi
		11.	Munger	11.	Indoor Stadium	Kho Kho
		12.	Seohar	12.	Thakur Ramanandan Uchh Vidyalaya, Fatehpur, Seohar	Kabaddi
3.	Chandigarh (UT)	13.	Chandigarh	13.	Punjab University Chandigarh	Kabaddi
4.	Chhattisgarh	14.	Bametara	14.	Sports & Youth Welfare Dept Bametara (C.G)	Kabaddi
		15.	Durg	15.	District Kabbadi Training Centre,Patan Sports & Youth Welfare	Kabaddi
		16.	Gaurela-Pendra- Marwahi	16.	Kabaddi Prashikshan, Pendra	Kabaddi
		17.	Kabirdham	17.	Jila Prashishan Kendra	Kabaddi
		18.	Manendragarh- Chirmiri- Bharatpur	18.	Kabaddi Training Centre	Kabaddi
		19.	Narayanpur	19.	Khel Parisar (Malkhambh) Narayanpur	Mallakhamb
		20.	Uttar Bastar Kanker	20.	Kho-Kho Prashikshan Kendra, Kanker Sports & Youth Welfare	Kho Kho
5.	Gujarat	21.	Anand	21.	District Sports Coaching Centre, Anand	Kho Kho
		22.	Botad	22.	Shree Alau Prathamik Shala	Kho Kho
		23.	Mahisagar	23.	Limbhola, Unnati Yuvak Mandal, Kadana	Kabaddi
		24.	Narmada	24.	Girl Literacy Residential School, Dediapada	Kho Kho
		25.	Surendranagar	25.	District Sports Coaching Centre, Limbdi	Kho Kho
		26.	Tapi	26.	P.M Shree G.L.R.S Babarghat, Tapi	Kho Kho
6.	Haryana	27.	Kaithal	27.	Rajiv Gandhi Khel Parisar,	Kabaddi

S. No.	State	S. No.	District	S. No.	Name of KIC	Discipline
					Bhana	
		28.	Karnal	28.	Arya Kanya Gurukul Sr.Sec. School, Mor Majra, Karnal	Kabaddi
		29.	Sonipat	29.	Ch. Pratap Singh Memorial Samiti, Kharkhoda	Kabaddi
7.	Himachal Pradesh	30.	Bilaspur	30.	Sports Complex Luhnu, Bilaspur, Youth Service & Sports Himachal Pradesh	Kabaddi
		31.	Chamba	31.	Chamba, DYSSO Ground, Youth Service & Sports Himachal Pradesh	Kabaddi
		32.	Mandi	32.	Sirda Sports Academy, Sundernagar	Kabaddi
		33.	Solan	33.	Coaching Centre, Khel Maidan Ranguwal	Kabaddi
8.	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	34.	Anantnag	34.	Indoor Sports Hall Nilandrusu, Bijbehara	Yogasana
				35.	Play Field Pahalgam	Kho Kho
		35.	Badgam	36.	Play Field Kralpathri	Kabaddi
		36.	Bandipore	37.	Indoor Sports Hall Shadipora-Bandipore	Kabaddi
		37.	Doda	38.	Indoor Sports Hall , Doda	Kabaddi
				39.	Indoor Sports Hall, Doda	Kho Kho
		38.	Ganderbal	40.	Play Field Lar	Thang-Ta
		39.	Kishtwar	41.	Indoor Sports Hall, Kishtwar,	Thang-Ta
				42.	Playing Field, Chatroo, Kishtaw	Kho Kho
		40.	Kulgam	43.	Mini Stadium Kulgam	Kho Kho
				44.	Play Field Devsar	Kabaddi
		41.	Kupwara	45.	Indoor Sports Hall, Handwara	Kabaddi
				46.	Play Field Kutlari Mawar	Kho Kho
		42.	Pulwama	47.	Indoor Sports Hall, Tral-pulwama	Thang-Ta
		43.	Ramban	48.	Indoor Sports Hall, Gool Ramban	Kabaddi
9.	Karnataka	44.	Ramanagara	49.	Karnataka Sahasakala Academy, Sri Ramdevara Hills Road, Ramanagara	Mallakhamb
10.	Madhya Pradesh	45.	Agar Malwa	50.	District Table –Tennis Centre, Agar	Mallakhamb
		46.	Shajapur	51.	Tatya Tope Nagar Stadium, Bhopal M.P	Mallakhamb
		47.	Ujjain	52.	Mahananda Sports Arena, Ujjain	Mallakhamb
11.	Maharashtra	48.	Amravati	53.	RC Mumbai- Sri Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal	Mallakhamb
				54.		Thang-Ta
		49.	Bid	55.	District Sports Complex Executive Committee, Bid (Zilla KridaSankulSamitee)	Kabaddi
		50.	Jalna	56.	District Sports Complex Executive Committee, Jalan (Zilla KridaSankulSamitee)	Kho Kho
		51.	Mumbai Suburban	57.	Talukla Sports Compelx Executive Committee, Andheri	Kabaddi

S. No.	State	S. No.	District	S. No.	Name of KIC	Discipline
		52.	Osmanabad	58.	District Sports Complex Executive Committee, Osmanabad (Shri Tuljabhavani)	Kho Kho
		53.	Sindhudurg	59.	District Sports Complex Executive Committee, Sindhudurg (Zilla Krida Sankul Samitee)	Kabaddi
		54.	Washim	60.	District Sports Complex Executive Committee, Washim	Kabaddi
12.	Manipur	55.	Imphal West	61.	Khuman Lampak Sports Complex	Thang-Ta
		56.	Senapati	62.	Multipurpose Indoor Hall, Senapati HQs	Indigenous Wrestling
13.	Odisha	57.	Angul	63.	Angul Govt. High School	Kho Kho
		58.	Balasore	64.	Municipal Govt. High School	Kho Kho
		59.	Belangir	65.	Town Government High School, Belangir	Kho Kho
		60.	Dhenkanal	66.	Raghunath Jew Vidya Mandir	Kho Kho
		61.	Gajapati	67.	Govt. S V T High School	Kho Kho
		62.	Jagatsinghpur	68.	Manichara Sarala Academy	Kho Kho
		63.	Jharsuguda	69.	R K Govt. High School	Kho Kho
		64.	Kalahandi	70.	Government SSD High School, Lanjigarh	Yogasana
		65.	Kendrapada	71.	Balia Govt. High School, Bhagabatpur	Yogasana
		66.	Kendujhar	72.	Govt. Girls High School, Nishagadia	Kho Kho
		67.	Khordha	73.	K.C. Govt. High School, Tapang	Yogasana
		68.	Nuapada	74.	National Govt. High School, Nuapada	Kabaddi
		69.	Puri	75.	Kabi Prasanna Pattasanu High School, Muninda	Kho Kho
14.	Rajasthan	70.	Dudu	76.	Raj Samrat Senior School	Kho Kho
		71.	Ganganagar	77.	Sri Gurunanak Girls PG College, Rajasthan	Kabaddi
		72.	Jaipur (Rural)	78.	Shahpura Stadium	Kabaddi
		73.	Karauli	79.	Rajasthan Sports Council, Jaipur, Karauli	Kabaddi
		74.	Kekri	80.	Patel Stadium	Kho Kho
15.	Tamil Nadu	75.	Kallakurichchi	81.	Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Thiyagadurugam - 606206	Kabaddi
		76.	Sivaganga	82.	SDAT Open Air Stadium, Sivaganga - 630561	Kho Kho
		77.	Theni	83.	SDAT District Sports Stadium, Theni - 625531	Kabaddi
		78.	Thiruvavur	84.	Vaduvur Higher Secondary School, District Thiruvavur	Kabaddi
		79.	Viluppuram	85.	SDAT District Stadium, Viluppuram - 605602	Mallakhamb
16.	Telangana	80.	Hyderabad	86.	Gymkhana Grounds, O/o	Kabaddi

S. No.	State	S. No.	District	S. No.	Name of KIC	Discipline
					DYSO, Hyderabad	
		81.	Jangaon	87.	Mahatma Sports Club, Chennuru Palakurthy	Kabaddi
		82.	Jayashankar Bhupalpally	88.	Dr. Ambedkar Stadium, Bhupalpally	Kabaddi
		83.	Mahabubabad	89.	ZPPHS School Grounds Kesamudram	Kho Kho
		84.	Nagarkurnool	90.	Government Degree College & PG (Arts & Commerece) College, Siripuram Road, Nagarkurnool	Kabaddi
		85.	Peddapalli	91.	Telangana Urgan Municipal Krida Prnganam, Markendaya Colony, Sulthanabad, Distt Peddapalli	Kho Kho
		86.	Rajanna Sircilla	92.	Rajivnagar Mini Stadium, Siricilla	Kabaddi
		87.	Sangareddy	93.	ZPHS Banupur	Kabaddi
		88.	Suryapet	94.	KRR Govt. Arts & Science College, Kodad	Kabaddi
		89.	Vikarabad	95.	Ms.Chakali Swathi Stadium Ground Parigi	Kho Kho
17.	Uttar Pradesh	90.	Kannauj	96.	Sports Stadium Saurikh, Kannauj	Kabaddi
		91.	Shrawasti	97.	Sports Stadium, Sravasti	Kabaddi
18.	Uttarakhand	92.	Tehri Garhwal	98.	Purnanad Sports Stadium, Tehri Garhwal	Kho Kho
19.	West Bengal	93.	Alipurduar	99.	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalay, District Alipurduar	Kabaddi
		94.	Birbhum	100.	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, District Birhum	Kho Kho
		95.	Hooghly	101.	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dihibagnan, Arambagh, Hooghly	Kho Kho
		96.	Nadia	102.	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kalyani, Industrial Growth Centre, Phase-III, Behind JIS Engineering College, District Nadia	Kho Kho
