

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive and promote rural sports and games such as Kabaddi, Kho-kho, Ha-du-du, Danguli etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the financial assistance/incentives proposed to be allocated/released for the purpose during the current financial year?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b) Several indigenous sports such as Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Khushti, Ball Badminton, Mallakhamb & Atya Patya are already supported under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations.

In addition, under the "Indigenous Games and Marital Arts" (IGMA) components of the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), for revival of traditional games popular in the country, SAI has adopted 10 schools having a total strength of 159 trainees (78 Boys & 81 Girls) and the trainees under the scheme are provided with Stipend at the rate of Rs.3000/- per head per month for 10 months, Sports Kit at the rate of Rs.1500/-, Insurance at the rate of Rs.150/- per head per annum. Annual Grant to the school at the rate of Rs.20,000/- for purchase of sports equipment and at the rate of Rs.25,000/- per school per annum for Organizing Competition for Scouting Talent is given. The Sports disciplines covered under the IGMA are Archery, Gatka, Kabaddi, Kalariapayatu, Mukna, Thang-Ta, Silambam, Khomlainai and Mallakhamb.

(c) Need based financial assistance will be given for preservation and promotion of indigenous sports under the newly launched flagship programme of "KheLo India".

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