

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) receives contributions from various organizations and individuals and equivalent amount of matching contribution is made by the Government for providing assistance to sportspersons. Since inception of NSDF, ₹163.14 crore has been raised. In addition, Government provides funds for development of sports from budget, which *inter-alia* includes for organizing sports events, giving training to selected sportspersons, upgradation of sports infrastructures, purchasing sports equipment, etc.

(b) "Sports" being a State subject, the primary responsibility to create sports infrastructure for promotion/development of sports, including construction of stadia in States, rest with respective State Government. Department of Sports supplements such efforts under various schemes.

(c) and (d) Various devices and sports equipment are provided to sportspersons from time to time as per requirement and type of sports discipline. It is a continuous process to enhance the performance of sportspersons at different levels of competition.

#### **Promotion of Kho Kho and Kabaddi**

160. DR. FAUZIA KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sports like Kho Kho and Kabaddi are lagging behind due to paucity of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken by Government for promoting these sports in the country; and

(d) the success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India and Kho Kho Federation of India, who have been given government recognition to promote the sports of Kabaddi and Kho Kho in the country, have been provided with the admissible financial assistance and other support under the various Schemes of the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India. Further, both Kabaddi and Kho Kho are part of the Khelo India Youth Games. Kabaddi and Kho Kho are also included in the list of games/sports which qualify the meritorious sportspersons for recruitment to Group 'C' posts in Central Government offices.

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