

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 2873 #
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PROMOTION OF WATER SPORTS IN KONKAN REGION

2873 # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to promote water sports in the Konkan region;**
- (b) the steps being taken to develop infrastructure and training facilities in the region;**
- (c) the efforts being made for the participation and professional training of the local youth; and**
- (d) the details of private or international collaboration to develop Konkan as a hub for water sports tourism?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) 'Sports', being a state subject, the responsibility for development of sports infrastructure for various sports including that for water sports rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Central Government supplements their efforts.

For promotion and development of water sports disciplines in the country, the Ministry has recognized the following National Sports Federations (NSFs), which are mandated, *inter alia*, to organize national championships, conduct international sports events in India and their State level affiliated units being responsible for organizing sports competitions at State level, so as to promote the culture of competitive sports:

- (i) Yachting Association of India (YAI)**
- (ii) Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association (IKCA)**
- (iii) Swimming Federation of India (SFI)**
- (iv) Rowing Federation of India (RFI)**

The YAI has informed that it has 20 Member Units in Maharashtra, 05 Member Units in Goa and 05 Member Units in Karnataka which also have infrastructure and facilities to conduct regular training and events. Local youth are members of the YAI Member units, attend regular training and participate in National / International events. The sport of sailing is well developed and is actively represented from Konkan region at the National/International competitions.
