

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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PARTICIPATION IN E-SPORTS IN ASIAN GAMES 2022

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that e-Sports is going to be a medal event with a chance of winning 24 medals in 2022 Asian games;
- (b) whether India is going to participate in the Asian games e-Sports division given that India currently has a booming e-Sports scenario;
- (c) if so, whether Government would provide training facilities for the e-Sports contingent of India;
- (d) if so, whether there is an official Government organisation for e-Sports in India that would oversee this process; and
- (e) if not , the approach Government would take in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

- (a) & (b) E-sports is included in Asian Games 2022 as a Medal Sports discipline. Entries of players / teams from India in Asian Games are sent by the Indian Olympic Association to the Organizing Committee of the Games. As informed by Indian Olympic Association, 'Entry By Number' Form was received from the Organizing Committee of Asian Games 2022 and after necessary process, the Form has been submitted back to the Organizing Committee of Asian Games 2022.
- (c) to (e) Promotion and Development (including training) of specific sports discipline is mainly the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF). This Ministry supplements the efforts of the NSFs by providing financial assistance to recognized NSFs for preparation and participation of Indian sportspersons/teams in international sporting events. At present, no Federation/Association has been recognized for e-sports by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
