GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2240 #
ANSWERED ON- 16/12/2021

RURAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME

2240. # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR

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

(a) the details of the Schemes by Government to encourage rural sports activities in various States under "Khelo India'; and

(b) whether Government would lay emphasis on developing special facilities to encourage meritorious children and youth in rural areas so that they also get an opportunity to play in national/international competitions and represent the nation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) The 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' of this Ministry aims at strengthening the entire sports ecosystem to promote the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country. It focuses on broad-basing of sports among the youth and promotion of sports activities throughout the country, including rural areas. One of the components of this Scheme, "Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games" is specifically dedicated to the rural sector of the country.

(b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to develop special facilities to encourage meritorious children and youth in rural areas rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. However, this Ministry has sanctioned 267 sports infrastructure projects of various categories under the Khelo India Scheme across the country, including the rural areas, on the basis of proposals received from the State/UT Governments and other eligible entities.

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