

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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PERFORMANCE OF STATES

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

- (a) the details on performance of States in developing sports in India;
- (b) the details of some best practices and innovations undertaken by States in the country for developing sports; and
- (c) the manner in which the State of Odisha has performed in development of sports in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) Sports is a 'State' subject and developing sports primarily remain a responsibility of the State Governments, which generally have their own policy and model for promotion and development of sports in their respective states. Odisha has a key advantage due to availability of natural resources, which is not a uniform factor for other states like the North Eastern states. The Union Government only supplements the efforts of States/Union Territory Governments by providing financial assistance through its various schemes. The Government of India is focusing on supplementing the efforts of the State Government with initiatives such as State Level Khelo India Centres. The Department is also facilitating States/Union Territories for creation of basic sports infrastructure throughout the country, and supporting the States for opening of District Level Sports Academies with focus on engagement of athletes who have represented India at National or International levels.

In line with the principle of "one State - One Sport", the State Government of Odisha has adopted Hockey, an already popular sport in the State, and is promoting it vigorously. A long term perspective plan spread over the period 2018-2023 for development of the sport of Hockey in the State has been launched, which has also translated into a long term sponsorship arrangement with corporates and PSUs. An important element of this model is the high level of ownership by the top leadership of the State Government.

State Government of Odisha has adopted a holistic approach for development of sports by focusing on the following activities:

- Sports infrastructure development across the State
- Strengthening the High Performance Centres
- Regular competitions through leagues in various disciplines
- Sports in schools and Physical Education Teachers Training Programs
- Coaches and Technical Officials Development Programs
- Grassroots centres with professional Coaching Programs
