

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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'KHELO INDIA' SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) the implementation of 'Khelo India' scheme and the amount disbursed to the State of Maharashtra during the last three years for development of State/regional sports academies; and
- (b) the steps taken for promotion of sports in persons with disabilities in Maharashtra and at the country level in the last three years, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) The 'Khelo India –National Programme for Development of Sports' scheme was launched in October, 2017 with the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country. A total of 28 sports academies have been accredited under the "Support to National/Regional/ State Sports Academies" vertical of the Khelo India Scheme in the State of Maharashtra. The details of funds released to these academies during the last three years and current year are as under: -

(₹ in crore)			
2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
0.91	4.23	4.35	3.06

(b) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports in the country, including the differently-abled sportspersons:

(i) Khelo India Scheme; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

All stadiums and training centres operated by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) have been made disabled-friendly and are upgraded regularly to ensure comfort of the differently-abled athletes. SAI's National Centre for Excellence (NCOE) at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, has been identified as the main centre for holding of sports activities pertaining to differently-abled athletes. Further, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has approved setting up of a Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior to provide state of the art training facilities to differently-abled sportspersons.
