

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 17/03/2022

STEPS TAKEN TO PROMOTE OUTDOOR SPORTS

1920 SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote outdoor sports during the last five years; the details thereof;
- (b) the manner in which the Sports Authority of India (SAI) help the States to develop outdoor sports, the details thereof; and
- (c) the type of facilities and infrastructure from SAI available in the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand for outdoor sports, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Sports being as a State Subject, the responsibility to promote sports, including outdoor sports, primarily rests with the respective State/UT Government. However, Government (Department of Sports) supplements their efforts through its schemes viz. sports promotional schemes run by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Khelo India Scheme.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) implements the following Sports Promotional Schemes across the country to identify talented sportspersons in the various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels:-

- (i) National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)
- (ii) SAI Training Centre (STC)
- (iii) Extension Centre of STC
- (iv) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)

A total of **188 Centres** including NCOEs, STCs, Extension Centres of STC, NSTC Scheme etc. are functional for implementation of above **Sports Promotional Schemes** of SAI. Presently, **7998** talented athletes (**4969 boys and 3029 girls**) are being trained in 36 sports disciplines on residential and non-residential basis.

The selected athletes are provided financial support in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/ insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms. Under these Schemes, SAI provides sports infrastructure (Indoor & Outdoor) of international standard to the athletes across the country.

Further, the revamped Khelo India Programme has been launched with the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports. Various programmes have been launched under the different verticals to realize the objective of broad basing and promoting the culture of sports in both indoor and outdoor sports. As of now, **478** Khelo India Centres, **247** Accredited Academies and **29** Khelo India State Centre of Excellence in 28 States have been notified under Khelo India Scheme for promotion of indoor and outdoor sports.

Under Khelo India Scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 6.28 lakh per athlete per annum is being provided to Accredited Academies. Apart from above, every Khelo India Centre (KIC) notified under Khelo India Scheme is entitled for Rs. 5 lakh as one Time Grant and Rs. 5 lakh as Recurring Grant for a period of 4 years.

For Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) - A Viability Gap Funding (VGF) analysis is done for every designated centre. Based on the VGF, a Recurring and Non-Recurring budget is allocated to the KISCE for the next 4 years.

(c): The details of SAI Sports Promotional Schemes in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat & Jharkhand are as under:

S.No.	State	NCOE	STC	Extension Centres	NSTC	TOTAL
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	3	0	0	3
2	Gujarat	1	0	1	0	2
3	Jharkhand	0	2	1	1	4

The details of infrastructure facilities in the State of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand are provided at **Annexure – I**.

Further, the details of Khelo India Centres (KICs), Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCEs) and Accredited Academies (AA) in the State of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand are as under:

State	KICs	KISCEs	AAs
Gujarat	0	0	16
Andhra Pradesh	14	1	0
Jharkhand	0	1	10
Total	14	2	26

Annexure – I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1920 for 17/03/2022 regarding Steps Taken to Promote Outdoor Sports asked by Shri Parimal Nathwani, Hon'ble MP.

S.N.	Name of Regional Centre		Details of Fields of Play for Outdoor Sports
1.	Gujarat (Regional Centre Gandhinagar)		1. 400m Synthetic Athletic Track 2. Hockey Astro Turf Field 3. 02 Football Field (Grassy) 4. 02 Basketball Courts (Cemented) 5. 02 Volleyball Courts 6. Boxing Ring Outdoor 7. 02 Swimming Pools 8. Kabaddi Courts (5 Mud & 3 Sand) 9. Handball Courts (3 Sand, 1 Grassy & Beach Court)
2.	Andhra Pradesh	STC Eluru	1. 400m Athletic Track (Clay) 2. Hockey Field 3. Basketball Court (Cemented) 4. Handball Courts 5. Football Field 6. 2 Volleyball Courts 7. Swimming Pool (25mx13m)
		STC Kurnool	1. Basketball Courts (Cemented) 2. Football Field (Clay) 3. Handball Court 4. Hockey Field
		STC Visakhapatnam	1. 04 Volleyball Courts with Floodlight 2. Basketball Court 3. 400m Mud Track
3.	Jharkhand	STC Hazaribagh	1. Hockey Fields 2. 02 Kabaddi Grounds (Mud) 3. Handball Court (Mud) 4. Athletic Stadium with Synthetic Track
		STC Ranchi	1. Archery Field 2. Football Fields 3. Volleyball Court 4. Hockey Astro Turf Field 5. Athletic Field
