

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1110
ANSWERED ON- 15/12/2022

'KHELO INDIA' SCHOOL GAMES

1110. # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha

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

- (a) the main objective of the 'Khelo India' programme;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the objectives of this programme include promotion of talent from rural and grassroot levels;
- (c) whether 'Khelo India' school games has been started under this programme; and
- (d) the number of games organized under 'Khelo India' school games in the country so far, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) “Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports” is a flagship Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, which aims at infusing sports culture and achieving sporting excellence in the country thus allowing the populace to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence. This scheme includes filling up of critical gaps in sports infrastructure through creation and upgradation of various categories of sports infrastructure; playfield development; community coaching development; promotion of community sports; establishment of a strong sports competition structure at both school and university level as also for rural / indigenous sports, sports for persons with disability and women; including creation of hubs of sports excellence in select universities; talent identification and development; support to sports academies; implementation of a national physical fitness drive for school children; and sports for peace and development. The details of the scheme are available on the website of this Ministry.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Under the “Sports Competition and Talent Identification” component of Khelo India scheme, annual games are organized, the details of which are as under:

S.No.	Event	Place	Number of Participants
1	Khelo India School Games, 2018	New Delhi	3507
2	Khelo India Youth Games, 2019	Pune	5925
3	Khelo India Youth Games, 2020	Guwahati	6130
4	Khelo India Youth Games, 2021	Panchkula	4453
5	Khelo India University Games, 2020	Bhubaneswar	3182
6	Khelo India University Games, 2021	Bengaluru	3894
7	Khelo India Winter Games, 2020	Gulmarg	1123
8	Khelo India Winter Games, 2021	Gulmarg	1208
