

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1116**  
ANSWERED ON- 15/12/2022

**DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN UTTAR PRADESH**

1116. # Shri Hardwar Dubey

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

- (a) whether Government is taking steps to identify the hidden sports talents in the rural areas of the State of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of progress made in the area of sports in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned so far during the last five years and the current year in Uttar Pradesh for these activities, district-wise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of promotion of sports and identification of hidden sports talents in the rural areas rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts. This Ministry is running various schemes for promotion of sports, which includes identification, and nurturing of sports talent across the country including those from rural areas of the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) This Ministry has sanctioned 90 Khelo India Centres, 01 Khelo India State Centre of Excellence and 10 Accredited Academies in the State of Uttar Pradesh, in which 191 athletes are being trained. In addition, 04 Army Boys Sports Company are also supported under Khelo India Scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh, wherein 85 athletes are being trained. Further, Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, is also implementing various sports promotional schemes across the country, including the State of Uttar Pradesh, to identify talented sportspersons in various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels. SAI has 01 National Centre of Excellence, 04 SAI Training Centres (STC), 01 Extension Centre of STC, 01 Regular School and 07 Akharas in the State of Uttar Pradesh, in which 533 athletes are being trained.

(c) The details of funds released under various sports promotional schemes of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports during the last five years and the current year for the sports related activities in the State of Uttar Pradesh are given below:

(in Rs. Crore)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Funds released</b>
2017-18	23.95
2018-19	21.58
2019-20	33.69
2020-21	33.94
2021-22	29.27
2022-23	25.28

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