

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1915
ANSWERED ON- 22/12/2022

TALENT DRIVES CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTRY

1915. Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar

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

- (a) whether Government is conducting talent drives across the nation, especially in rural India to find the unique and extraordinary sport talents;
- (b) if so, the details of the talent drives conducted by the Ministry during the last 3 years and the current status of those talents; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under “Sports Competition and Talent Development” component of Khelo India scheme, athletes are selected as Khelo India Athletes based on their performance in the Khelo India Games, National Championships / open selection trials. Further, through the National Sports Talent Search Portal, Sports Authority of India (SAI) provides a platform for identification of talented sports persons in priority Sports disciplines in which the country has potential / advantage. The identified athletes are nurtured under guidance of experienced coaches in various training facilities to grow and excel in National/ International sporting events.

Currently, under Khelo India Scheme 2841 athletes have been selected as Khelo India Athletes across the country in 21 sports discipline as on date. The details of identified athletes during the last three years are at Annexure – I.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1915 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/12/2022 REGARDING “TALENT DRIVES CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTRY” ASKED BY SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA

DETAILS OF IDENTIFIED ATHLETES DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

S. No	Sports Discipline	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Archery	60	2	0
2	Athletics	114	0	17
3	Badminton	36	9	2
4	Basketball	8	0	0
5	Boxing	48	0	0
6	Cycling	35	55	0
7	Fencing	48	0	31
8	Football	2	13	0
9	Gymnastics	36	0	0
10	Hockey	43	0	0
11	Judo	63	6	0
12	Kabaddi	54	0	0
13	Kho-Kho	87	0	0
14	Para	19	0	0
15	Rowing	21	22	42
16	Shooting	116	2	17
17	Swimming	33	0	20
18	Table Tennis	71	7	0
19	Volleyball	65	0	0
20	Weightlifting	16	0	0
21	Wrestling	64	0	34
Total		1039	116	163
