

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-311 #**  
ANSWERED ON- 08/12/2022

**INTERNATIONAL LEVEL PLAYGROUND IN NIMAR, MADHYA PRADESH**

311. # Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to hold any special program to increase the participation of rural youth in sports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to develop an international level playground in Nimar area of Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) Sports' being a State subject, promotion of sports, including among rural youth, is the responsibility of States/Union Territory Governments. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports across the country, including rural youth:

(i) Scheme of "Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports"; (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) 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.

Also, under the promotion of inclusiveness through sports component of Khelo India scheme, rural, indigenous and tribal sports/ games are being included to encourage children and youth to take up these games in a major way.

(c) No, Sir.

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