

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1914
ANSWERED ON- 16/03/2023

KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN PUNJAB

1914. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to promote sports activities in the State of Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details of the implementation of the Khelo India scheme in the State of Punjab, in terms of funds disbursed and the number of beneficiaries since 2018, district-wise; and
- (c) whether Government is considering any additional financial support to sportspersons above and beyond the five lakhs per annum guaranteed through the Khelo India scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

- (a) The Ministry implements the following schemes for the promotion of sports activities in the country, including the State of Punjab:
- (i) 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) Running 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.

(b) Under the Khelo India Scheme, 10 sports infrastructure projects of various categories have been sanctioned in the State of Punjab amounting to ₹ 86.71 crore. In addition, 10 Khelo India Centres and 25 Khelo India accredited sports academies have also been notified in the State of Punjab. A total of 184 Khelo India Athletes have also been identified from the State of Punjab.

Funds are released Scheme-wise, not State-wise or district-wise. The details of funds allocated and expenditure made under the Khelo India Scheme since 2018-19 are given below:

Year	Revised Estimate (in ₹ crore)
2018-19	375.09
2019-20	578.00
2020-21	328.77
2021-22	869.00
2022-23	600.00

(c) Under the “Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies” vertical of the Khelo India Scheme, financial assistance of ₹ 6,28,400/-, including ₹ 1,20,000/- as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA), per annum per athlete, is provided to the accredited academies for training of the Khelo India Athletes. Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), the Government provides assistance to India’s top athletes in their preparations for Olympics and Paralympics. An OPA of ₹ 50,000/- per month is paid to the Core Group athletes. Apart from OPA, entire expenditure for the training plan submitted by the sportsperson is met under TOPS. Further, TOPS Development Group athletes receive an OPA of ₹ 25,000/- and customised training support at National Centres of Excellence.
