

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3997**  
ANSWERED ON- 06/04/2023

**KHELO INDIA IN KARNATAKA**

3997 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) the funds allocated and disbursed for development of sports in the State of Karnataka under the Khelo India programme;
- (b) whether the Ministry has taken into account the requirement of sports infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities of the country for improving them;
- (c) the statistics of the development done in infrastructure for sports in the last five years; and
- (d) whether there has been any improvement in providing sponsorships and fellowships to sportspersons and students pursuing sports degrees in the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) Funds are allocated scheme-wise not state-wise in this Ministry. The details of the sports infrastructure projects sanctioned, along with the status of funds released, project-wise, under the Khelo India scheme of this Ministry, across the country, including the State of Karnataka, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in>.

‘Sports’ being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports infrastructure across the country including, tier-2 and tier-3 cities rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. However, under the “Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure” component of the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry has sanctioned various sports infrastructure projects across the country to bridge the critical gaps.

(d) Yes, Sir. Under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), the Government provides financial assistance/ sponsorship, including Out-of-Pocket expenditure, to India’s top athletes in their preparations for Olympic and Paralympic Games. Further, the Human Resource Development in Sports (HRDS) Scheme of this Ministry is providing a limited number of fellowships and grants for pursuing educational programs in sports and allied disciplines. The scheme is demand driven, and is implemented based on the proposals submitted by interested eligible persons, on a case-to-case basis.

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