

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-637**  
ANSWERED ON- 07/12/2023

**KHELO INDIA SCHEME**

637. SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) the features of Khelo India Scheme;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this Scheme within Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the target set;
- (d) the details of the achievements made so far under this Scheme;
- (e) whether Government has planned to open 1000 Khelo India Centres across the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof including in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (g) whether these Centres have assisted in the strengthening of the sports ecosystem at the grassroots level, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) The Khelo India Scheme aims to infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence all over the country thus allowing the population to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development.

The 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' has the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country. The Scheme has the following 05 components:

- i. Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure
- ii. Sports Competitions and Talent Development
- iii. Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies
- iv. Fit India Movement
- v. Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports

(b) Under this scheme, the funds are allocated and released Scheme-wise, not State-wise in this Ministry. Details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the Khelo India Scheme during the last three years and the current year are as under:

(in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds allocated (Revised Estimate/ Budget Estimate)	Expenditure incurred (as on 30.11.2023)
1.	2020-21	328.77	338.06
2.	2021-22	869.00	764.29
3.	2022-23	600.00	596.39
4.	2023-24	1000.00	414.11

(c) & (d) The Khelo India Scheme is a demand-driven scheme. The proposals received from the State/UT Governments and other eligible entities are considered for financial support, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under the Scheme. The achievements made so far under the Khelo India Scheme are at Annexure-I.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. The details of Khelo India Centres State/ UT-wise, including the State of Tamil Nadu, are at Annexure- II.

(g) Yes, Sir. Under the Khelo India Centres, as a part of Government's vision to strengthen the sports ecosystem in the country at the grassroots level, a low-cost, effective sports training mechanism has been worked out wherein past "Champion Athletes" would become coaches and mentors for youngsters, running sports training in an autonomous manner, and earning their livelihood. So far, 820 Past Champion Athletes have been hired in 1000 Khelo India Centres across the country.

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### **Achievement of Khelo India Scheme**

- i. **Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure:** 307 new sports infrastructure projects approved in 32 States / Union Territories at a total sanctioned cost of ₹ 2740.98 crore. ₹ 2809.13 crore have been released to the grantees. Out of 307 projects, 178 projects have been completed and 129 are under progress.
- ii. **Annual Sports Competition:** Under this initiative, 11 editions of Khelo India Games have been organized i.e. 01 Khelo India School Games, 04 editions of Khelo India Youth Games, 03 editions of Khelo India Winter Games and 03 editions of Khelo India University Games. These games have witnessed a total participation of more than 40,000 athletes, 85,000 Support Staff, 63,000 Technical Officers and 11,000 Volunteers.
- iii. **Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies:** Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) under the Khelo India Centre and Sports Academies (KIC & SA) vertical of the Khelo India scheme. 31 KISCES have been approved in 30 States/UTs. These KISCE are being provided financial support in terms of manpower, sports equipment, sports science support, etc. will be provided after conducting viability gap analysis. As a part of Government's vision to strengthen the sports ecosystem in the country at the grassroots level, a low-cost, effective sports training mechanism has been worked out wherein past "Champion Athletes" would become coaches and mentors for youngsters, running sports training in an autonomous manner, and earning their livelihood. As a part of this endeavour, 1,000 Khelo India Centres (KICs) are proposed to be established across all districts of the country. Till date a total of 1000 Khelo India Centres (KIC) have been notified across the country. A total of 296 Academies accredited for training of athletes identified under the Khelo India.
- iv. **Khelo India Talent Identification:** Khelo India Talent Identification Development (KITD) is one of the most important verticals of the Khelo India Scheme. The country with vast diversity in terms of physical attributes offers immense opportunity to excel in the field of sports provided sporting talent is identified at right time and age-appropriate nurturing is done by coaches with the help of sports science support to achieve the objective winning medals in Olympics. The funding has been raised to Rs. 6,28,400/- per annum including an amount of Rs. 10000/- per month as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA). This is for all identified KIAs irrespective of their background. More than 2550 KIAs are currently getting supported across 21 sports disciplines.
- v. **Fit India Movement:** Fit India Movement was launched by the Department of Sports on the occasion of National Sports Day i.e. 29th August, 2019 with the objective to make fitness an integral part of daily life of Indians by encouraging them to enroll and participate in Fitness Events/Activities organized during the Campaign Period commencing from 29th August, 2019 and will end on 29th August, 2023. PM's clarion call of "Fitness Ki Doze, Adha Ghanta

Roz”, echoed across the country with citizens participating in various fitness activities such as marathons, cyclothons, runs and more, throughout the year, making it a People’s Movement. Be it the Fit India Freedom Run in which 21 Crore citizens have participated over three editions across the country, or the Fit India Quiz, the only quiz on fitness and sports for school children, where 1 lakh students have registered to participate in the quiz - the interest in fitness has grown among all age groups. To motivate students further, the Fit India School Week is held every year in which more than 13.5 lakh students have participated so far in various fitness-related activities.

- vi. Sports for Women: This vertical aims at encouraging participation of women in sports through various activities. Under this initiative, various Khelo India Women’s League – are being conducted. Till now women leagues have been organised in 19 sports disciplines in 26 States/UTs. Total 479 competitions have been organized for Women athletes with total 52,086 participants. This initiative has significantly increase women participation in sports across the nation and has provided ample opportunities to women athletes to compete, learn and grow in all age groups.

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S. No.	State/UTs	No. of KICs Notified
1	Andaman & Nicobar	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	26
3	Arunachal Pradesh	54
4	Assam	55
5	Bihar	38
6	Chandigarh	2
7	Chhattisgarh	24
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	3
9	Delhi	7
10	Goa	2
11	Gujarat	33
12	Haryana	15
13	Himachal Pradesh	16
14	Jammu & Kashmir	100
15	Jharkhand	24
16	Karnataka	31
17	Kerala	24
18	Ladakh	3
19	Lakshadweep	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	49
21	Maharashtra	43
22	Manipur	34
23	Meghalaya	24
24	Mizoram	12
25	Nagaland	32
26	Odisha	6
27	Puducherry	2
28	Punjab	28
29	Rajasthan	42
30	Sikkim	11
31	Tamil Nadu	38
32	Telangana	19
33	Tripura	14
34	Uttar Pradesh	80
35	Uttarakhand	17
36	West Bengal	13
37	Railways	76
Total		1000

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