

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-790
ANSWERED ON- 08/02/2024

'KHELO INDIA' IN PUNJAB

790. SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY

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

- (a) number of sportspersons benefited under the 'Khelo India' programme in the last five years, year-wise, State-wise and district-wise for the State of Punjab;
- (b) funds allocated, released and utilized for 'Khelo India' programme, State-wise and project/program-wise for the State of Punjab; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that dedicated training centres and stadiums have been set up to promote sports, among disabled sportspersons as well?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

- (a) The number of sportspersons benefited under the 'Khelo India' programme as Khelo India Athlete (KIA) in the last five years, year-wise, from the State of Punjab are as under:

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
160	188	158	161	179

- (b) Funds are allocated and released Scheme-wise, not State/ UT- wise, in this Ministry. The details of the funds allocated and utilized under the Khelo India Scheme, in the last five years and the current year are as under:

(in ₹ crore)

Financial Year	Funds allocated (Revised Estimate)	Funds utilized (Actual Expenditure)
2018-19	375.09	342.24
2019-20	578.00	575.52
2020-21	328.77	338.06
2021-22	869.00	764.29
2022-23	600.00	596.39
2023-24 (as on 31.01.2024)	880.00	453.26

(c) Yes, Sir. To foster participation in sports among individuals with disabilities, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), operating under the auspices of this Ministry, has instituted a Para Centre within its National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) Scheme at SAI Regional Centre, Gandhinagar. This center is actively engaged in training athletes in Athletics, Swimming, Powerlifting, and Table Tennis. Moreover, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has established a Center for Disability Sports in Gwalior, equipped with state-of-the-art training amenities tailored for differently abled athletes. Additionally, all sports facilities are mandated to adhere to the guidelines outlined in "Accessible Sports Complex and Residential Facilities for Sports Persons with Disabilities," ensuring the comfort and accessibility of facilities for athletes with disabilities.
