

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-793 #**  
ANSWERED ON- 08/02/2024

**DEVELOPMENT OF PLAYGROUNDS IN RURAL AREAS**

793. # DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE

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

- (a) whether Uttar Pradesh plays a pivotal role towards the medals won in national and international sports, out of which maximum players come from rural and urban areas of western Uttar Pradesh bring medals;
- (b) whether the Central Government has any plan to create clusters of some villages in rural areas and develop playgrounds on vacant land in the villages under the 'Khelo India' Program or any other scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the Central Government will consider it?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) Yes, Sir. Uttar Pradesh is among the states which play a pivotal role towards the medals won in National and International sports. It has been observed that majority of athletes winning medals in National and International sports tournaments come from rural areas of the country, including from the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) to (c) There is no such proposal under consideration in this Ministry.

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