

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-800**  
ANSWERED ON- 08/02/2024

**SCHOLARSHIP UNDER 'KHELO INDIA' SCHEME**

800. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK

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

- (a) the total number of students selected for scholarship under 'Khelo India' Scheme in the State of Maharashtra during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of the benefits likely to be availed by the players through this scheme;
- (c) whether Government has been able to achieve the objective for which 'Khelo India' Youth Games were organized and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to encourage sports in remote under developed areas including villages?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) The total number of students selected for scholarship under Khelo India Scheme from the State of Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year are as under:

| 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
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| 347     | 415     | 360     | 347     |

(b) Under the component “Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies” of Khelo India Scheme, the identified talents are given option to join the accredited Khelo India academies and also provided financial assistance of Rs. 6.28 Lakh per annum [including Rs 1.20 Lakh as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA)] towards training expenses, coaching, competitions exposure, education, equipment support, scientific support etc.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Khelo India Scheme aims at infusing sports culture and achieving sporting excellence in the country thus allowing the populace to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence. It focuses on the broad basing of sports amongst the youth and the promotion of sports activities throughout the country. Till date, 01 Khelo India School Games and 05 editions of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) have been organised. The benchmark of technical conduct of these Games is of International Standards. These games have witnessed a participation of more than 29,000 athletes, out of which 2568 athletes have been selected as Khelo India Athletes. Various initiatives have been undertaken with an aim to provide training and exposure at par with the International Standards, which includes training of Khelo India Athletes in accredited

academies. Further, these athletes participate in various National/International events which enhance their capabilities and strengthen the bench strength of the country.

(d) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of encouraging sports in remote under developed areas including villages, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for encouragement of sportspersons across the country, including remote under-developed areas including villages:

(i) Scheme of "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 Scheme; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) 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.

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