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IMPACT OF KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN DEVELOPING SPORTS

2068. SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI

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

- (a) whether the budget for the Khelo India Scheme has increased since its inception; and
- (b) if so, in what manner the budget has been utilized for implementation of the Scheme along with its impact in developing sports in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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(a) and (b) Yes. The 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' was launched in 2016-17 with the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence across the country. The scheme was revamped and approved for three years, from 2017-18 to 2019-20 at financial outlay of Rs. 1756 crore. The scheme received an interim extension for one year up to 2020-21 during the COVID-19 period with a budget of Rs. 328.77 crore. The Khelo India Scheme has been revised again and extended for an additional five years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26 at financial outlay of Rs. 3790.50 crore.

The Khelo India Scheme has contributed significantly in development of sports across the country. Key achievements include the approval of 323 new sports infrastructure projects, with a total sanctioned cost of Rs. 3073.67 crore, establishment of 1059 Khelo India Centres (KICs) aimed at training children, supporting former athletes, and enhancing grassroots sports infrastructure. Additionally, 32 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCES) have been notified, and 302 academies have been accredited. So far, 15 editions of the Khelo India Games have been conducted, with participation from over 48,000 athletes.

The scheme has identified and supported 2737 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs), providing coaching, equipment, medical care, and a monthly Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) of Rs. 10,000. Over the past two years and the current year, KIAs have set a remarkable 5939 national and 1424 international records across various competitions. At the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, 124 out of 644 Indian athletes were KIAs, and they contributed significantly by winning 42 out of India's 106 medals, including 9 Gold medals. For the Paris 2024 Olympics, 28 KIAs are part of the Indian contingent of 117 athletes, highlighting the program's ongoing success and the critical role of KIAs in enhancing India's presence in national and international sports events.

Furthermore, the Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) program has conducted over 80,000 assessments to discover young talent. Through the Women's Leagues, 766 competitions have been organized, with participation of over 80,000 women athletes.
