

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATHLETES UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME

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

- (a) the specific initiatives and measures undertaken by Government to assist talented athletes under the Khelo India Scheme (KIS), State-wise;
- (b) the details of athletes who have received financial assistance under the KIS over the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) the details on athletes who have achieved notable performances at national or international levels with support from the KIS; and
- (d) the criteria used to identify and select athletes for financial assistance under the KIS?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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(a) A number of initiatives and measures have been undertaken by Government to assist talented athletes under the Khelo India Scheme, such as approval of 323 new sports infrastructure projects across 32 States and Union Territories, with a total sanctioned cost of Rs. 3073.67 crore. 1059 Khelo India Centres (KICs) have been notified in 36 States/UTs, out of which 918 are operational, wherein 20,511 athletes are trained. These centres aim to provide training for children, support former athletes, and enhance grassroots sports infrastructure. Additionally, 32 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCES) have been notified and 302 academies have been accredited. The Khelo India Games have seen 15 editions with over 48,000 athletes participating. Financial aid of ₹6.28 lakh annually is provided to 2737 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs), covering various needs like coaching, equipment, medical care and Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) of Rs. 10,000 per month.

(b) State-wise details of athletes who have received financial assistance under the Khelo India Scheme during the last five years are at Annexure.

(c) In the past two years and the current year, Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) have set a remarkable 5939 national and 1424 international records across various competitions. At the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, the Indian contingent included 644 athletes, 124 of whom were KIAs. These athletes contributed significantly, winning 42 out of India's 106 medals, including 9 Gold medals. Furthermore, 28 KIAs are part of the Indian contingent for the Paris 2024 Olympics out of a total of 117 athletes, highlighting the program's ongoing success and the vital role of KIAs in enhancing the country's presence in national and international sports events.

(d) Talent identification under the Khelo India Scheme is managed by two committees: the Talent Screening Committee (TSC) and the Talent Identification and Development Committee (TIDC). The TSC comprises of prominent athletes, coaches, and relevant stakeholders, and is aided by professional scouts. They evaluate players during competitions and camps, supported by data analysts and video analysis, to create a list of talented individuals. This list, along with player profiles, is presented to the TIDC. The TIDC includes notable athletes, national observers, distinguished coaches, talent scouts, sports scientists, and representatives from National Sports Federations. This committee identifies and recommends athletes at the national level for induction into Khelo India accredited academies or National Centres of Excellence, and suggests additional assessment camps for final identification.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2074 FOR REPLY ON 08.08.2024 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATHLETES UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME ASKED BY SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE, HON'BLE MP.

State-wise number of athletes who have received financial assistance under the Khelo India Scheme during the last five years

S. No.	State / UT	No. of athletes who received financial assistance under the Khelo India Scheme				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	7	8	6	3	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	40	56	43	55	49
3	Arunachal Pradesh	9	12	9	11	14
4	Assam	36	45	54	43	39
5	Bihar	12	10	8	9	14
6	Chandigarh	33	46	39	40	30
7	Chhattisgarh	22	30	44	35	45
8	Daman Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	1	4	1	2	3
9	Delhi	195	254	212	199	163
10	Goa	16	18	16	18	10
11	Gujarat	106	104	67	81	65
12	Haryana	375	438	392	432	467
13	Himachal Pradesh	19	26	33	34	28
14	Jammu & Kashmir	13	20	30	20	19
15	Jharkhand	27	27	24	40	47
16	Karnataka	173	159	144	136	138
17	Kerala	131	126	109	103	108
18	Ladakh	1	0	0	1	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	72	54	109	100	114
21	Maharashtra	365	347	415	365	347
22	Manipur	203	255	189	126	105
23	Meghalaya	12	6	13	3	2
24	Mizoram	26	39	25	28	15
25	Nagaland	0	5	0	1	1
26	Odisha	53	47	66	57	70
27	Puducherry	6	13	6	7	7
28	Punjab	188	158	161	179	169
29	Rajasthan	95	137	108	81	105
30	Sikkim	3	9	6	2	1
31	Tamil Nadu	92	94	101	167	173
32	Telangana	60	132	55	51	59
33	Tripura	9	23	11	8	5
34	Uttar Pradesh	159	139	186	191	186
35	Uttarakhand	69	94	53	40	32
36	West Bengal	83	95	81	91	118
	Total	2711	3030	2816	2759	2752
