

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1275
ANSWERED ON- 05/12/2024

PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN PUNJAB

1275 SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

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

- (a) the details of central initiatives to promote sports infrastructure and youth empowerment in Punjab;
- (b) whether there are any specific plans to upgrade facilities, provide international-level coaching, and encourage rural youth participation, given the State's rich legacy in sports, particularly in hockey, kabaddi, and athletics;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the specific steps taken to establish State Level Khelo India Centres in Punjab, especially in rural and border areas and how Government ensures that Punjab's kabaddi and hockey federations receive adequate funding and support through the NSF scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including promotion of sports infrastructure and youth empowerment, upgrade facilities, provide international-level coaching, and encourage rural youth participation in the country, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes to promote sports in the country, including in the State of Punjab:

(i) 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 Welfare Program for Sportspersons; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running 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 of Sports Authority of India (SAI).

Further, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes to promote youth empowerment in the country, including in the State of Punjab:

(i) Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat); (ii) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS); (iii) National Service Scheme (NSS).

(d) State-wise details of Khelo India Centres and Accredited Academies under the Khelo India Scheme, including in rural and border areas of Punjab, are available at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/state-wise-khelo-india-centers>. Further, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports provides financial assistance only to recognized National Level Sports Federations (NSFs) through Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC).
