

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2867 #**  
ANSWERED ON- 19/12/2024

**KHELO INDIA RISING TALENT IDENTIFICATION**

2867 # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

- (a) the details of the salient features and objectives of the Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) programme;
- (b) the details of the target for evaluation of sports talent through this initiative;
- (c) the competitions in which the players registered in the first phase under the said scheme have been evaluated; and
- (d) the details of performance of sportspersons through the scheme, sport-wise and Statewise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) The Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) programme, under the Khelo India Scheme of this Ministry, highlights key features such as the focus on early talent identification for athletes aged 9 to 18 years, especially from remote areas, through the use of IT tools. The programme aims to implement a uniform, structured approach for grassroots talent identification across all States/UTs using common tests, while standardizing fitness and sports-specific assessments to establish a Bharat Benchmark.

The KIRTI assessment targets were set phase-wise, with Phase 1 aiming for 50,000 assessments, of which 49,834 were completed. In Phase 2, the target was 100,000 assessments, and a total of 138,087 assessments have been completed as on date. The athletes participating in KIRTI assessments are subjected to a battery of 10 physical and sports-specific tests. These assessments are conducted in the disciplines of Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Football, Hockey, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Weightlifting, and Wrestling. The sport-wise and state-wise details of assessment of sportspersons through the scheme are at Annexure-I.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2867 # ANSWERED ON 19.12.2024 REGARDING KHELO INDIA RISING TALENT IDENTIFICATION ASKED BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI, HON'BLE MP, RAJYA SABHA**

1. KIRTI Assessments conducted state-wise (Till date)

SN	State	No of Assessments
1	Andaman & Nicobar	3750
2	Andhra Pradesh	10954
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3461
4	Assam	11361
5	Bihar	5291
6	Chandigarh	1661
7	Chhattisgarh	4631
8	Daman	814
9	Delhi	12544
10	Gujarat	9401
11	Haryana	12548
12	Himachal Pradesh	1186
13	Jammu & Kashmir	458
14	Jharkhand	7997
15	Karnataka	4914
16	Kerala	4037
17	Ladakh	244
18	Lakshadweep	459
19	Madhya Pradesh	9318
20	Maharashtra	25434
21	Manipur	2306
22	Meghalaya	4160
23	Mizoram	4225
24	Nagaland	3504
25	Odisha	7208
26	Puducherry	961
27	Punjab	3427
28	Rajasthan	7187
29	Sikkim	1617
30	Tamil Nadu	1565
31	Telangana	2026
32	Tripura	3646
33	Uttar Pradesh	8895
34	Uttarakhand	1311
35	West Bengal	5420
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>187921</b>

2. KIRTI Assessments conducted Discipline-wise (Till date)

<b>SN</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>No of Assessments</b>
1	Archery	3400
2	Athletics	57557
3	Badminton	462
4	Boxing	7127
5	Football	43014
6	Hockey	13292
7	Kabaddi	23041
8	Kho-Kho	16769
9	Volleyball	15837
10	Weightlifting	2523
11	Wrestling	4899
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>187921</b>

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