

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2872**  
ANSWERED ON- 19/12/2024

**KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN PUNJAB**

2872 SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

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

- (a) the details of entitlements available to sportspersons and players since the inception of the Khelo India scheme, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the outcomes of the scheme for the State of Punjab; and
- (c) the details of the number of athletes from Punjab receiving a monthly assistance of ₹ 50,000 from the Union Government?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) 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. Under the component, “Sports Competition and Talent Development” of the Khelo India Scheme, talented sportspersons nationwide, are identified as a Khelo India Athlete (KIA). 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. State-wise details of Khelo India Athletes under the Khelo India Scheme across the country, including in the State of Punjab, are available in the public domain at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/state-wise-khelo-india-centers>.

(b) The Khelo India Scheme has contributed in the 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 1041 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 301 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 2781 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) across the country, including in the State of Punjab who are provided with coaching, equipment, medical care, and a monthly Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) of Rs. 10,000.

As a outcome, 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.

(c) Under the Khelo India Scheme, there is no such provision of monthly assistance of ₹ 50,000 from the Union Government.

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