

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-1109
ANSWERED ON- 13/02/2025

PROMOTION OF CYCLING RELATED SPORTS

1109 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:
DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote cycling and multiple-stage bicycle race tournaments in the country akin to the Tour de France;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total funds allocated to various States for development of cycling tracks with latest advancements and facilities in the last five years, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) Sir, the primary responsibility for the development and promotion of a sports discipline rests with the concerned recognized National Sports Federation (NSF), which in the case of cycling is the Cycling Federation of India. The Government supplements the efforts of the NSFs, including the Cycling Federation of India by providing financial assistance for holding national/international sports events in India, participation of sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, training/coaching of national level sportspersons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and consumables etc.

Further, the Ministry has launched 'Fit India Cycling Drive' to promote cycling nationwide. As part of this drive, cycling campaign is held every Sunday across Sports Authority of India Regional Centres, National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) as well as the Khelo India Centres (KICs) across the country, with the participation from a diverse range of stakeholders, including athletes, doctors, paramilitary personnel, etc.

(c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to develop sports infrastructure, including development of cycling tracks in the country, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts by bridging the critical gaps. Under the component "Creation and Up-gradation of Sports Infrastructure" of the Khelo India Scheme, a total of ₹ 1.68 Crore has been sanctioned for the

renovation of the Cycling Velodrome at Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, District Kamrup, Assam.

Further, Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous body under the aegis of this Ministry has allocated funds for the following cycling projects at its centres:

S. No.	Name of Work	Funds Allocated
1	Providing of LED Sports Light by replacing existing metal halide light in Cycling Velodrome at IG Stadium, New Delhi	₹ 4.74 Crore
2	Construction of Internal Cycling Track at SAI North East Regional Centre, Imphal, Manipur.	₹ 4.98 Crore
