

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1749**  
ANSWERED ON- 13/03/2025

**PROMOTION OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY**

1749. SHRI C. VE. SHANMUGAM

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

- (a) whether Government encourages sports in general, and athletes in particular, in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government gives grants to each State for construction of sports stadia to encourage athletes and enable the sports activities across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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(a) and (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including encouraging sports in general, and athletes in particular, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) implements the following schemes for the development of sports across the country:

(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 (<https://yas.nic.in>) and the Sports Authority of India (<https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in>).

(c) and (d) Funds are allocated Scheme-wise not State-wise in this Ministry. The Khelo India Scheme and National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), implemented by this Ministry, under which financial assistance for development of sports infrastructure, including sports stadia, is provided, are demand-driven schemes. The details of the sports infrastructure projects approved and their sanctioned cost, funds released and their physical and financial progress, under Khelo India Scheme and NSDF, across the country, including in the State of Tamil Nadu, are available in public domain on the dashboards of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in> and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>.

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