

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1751**  
ANSWERED ON- 13/03/2025

**IMPLEMENTATION OF KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU**

1751. SHRI R. DHARMAR

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

- (a) the number of districts in Tamil Nadu covered under Khelo India scheme, and specific sports disciplines promoted in the State under scheme;
- (b) the total financial allocation provided for implementation of Khelo India scheme in Tamil Nadu, along with breakdown of funds utilized in the last year;
- (c) the number of athletes and young sportspersons who have benefitted from Khelo India scheme in Tamil Nadu, including the number of training centres and facilities established; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure the successful implementation of the scheme in Tamil Nadu, particularly in terms of infrastructure development, training programs and talent identification?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) There are 38 Khelo India Centres (KICs), 1 Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE), and 20 Khelo India Accredited Academy (KIAA) in the State of Tamil Nadu wherein 1558 athletes across 14 disciplines in KICs across 37 districts of Tamil Nadu and 190 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) have been identified for training. Details of the same are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/state-wise-khelo-india-centers>. The State of Tamil Nadu has also hosted Khelo India Youth Games 2023.

Further, funds are allocated Scheme-wise and not State-wise under this Ministry. An amount Rs. 880.00 crore was allocated under Khelo India Scheme in the last financial year, for implementation of the Scheme across the country, including in the State of Tamil Nadu, out of which Rs. 872.20 crore were utilised.

The Khelo India Scheme is a demand-driven scheme. The proposals received from the State/UT Governments and other eligible entities are considered for financial support, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under the Scheme in line with the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports to infuse sports culture in the country. Under the Khelo India Scheme, 05 sports infrastructure project has been sanctioned in the State of Tamil Nadu. Details of the same are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in>.

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