GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS) RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3833

ANSWERED ON- 03/04/2025

STADIUM IN TRIBAL AREAS OF JHARKHAND

3833 #. SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

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

- (a) whether due to absence of adequate sports stadiums and lack of facilities in the tribal dominated areas of Jharkhand the players get inadequate opportunity for daily practice due to which the development of sports talent is hindered;
- (b) whether there has been a persistent demand from public representatives over the years for setting up open stadiums in the headquarters of tribal-dominated districts across Jharkhand; and
- (c) if so, the details of the demands and the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including setting up open stadiums in the country, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. However, 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 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. No such proposal to set up open stadiums in the headquarters of tribal-dominated districts across Jharkhand is pending in the Ministry. 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 Jharkhand, 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. Further, the details of Khelo India Centres (KICs) notified and sports academies accredited under the Khelo India Scheme, across the country, including in the State of Jharkhand, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/state-wisekhelo-india-centers.
