

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3836
ANSWERED ON- 03/04/2025

IMPLEMENTATION OF KHELO INDIA SCHEME

3836. SHRI KUNWAR RATANJEET PRATAP NARAYAN SINGH:

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

- (a) the key objectives and goals of the Khelo India scheme, and how it has evolved over the years;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated for the implementation of the Khelo India scheme from 2021-2024, and the major areas of focus for the upcoming years;
- (c) the number of new sports infrastructure projects that have been approved under the scheme and the total sanctioned cost of these projects; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure the effective utilization of the Khelo India Centres (KICs) for training children and supporting former athletes particularly in Kushinagar district?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) and (b) The Khelo India Scheme aims to promote mass participation and excellence in sports across the country, focusing on grassroots development and talent nurturing. Initially centred on school-level sports, it has expanded to include youth, university, winter games, and para-sports, with a strong emphasis on inclusivity. The scheme has been streamlined, consolidating 12 verticals into 5 components viz. creation and upgrading of sports infrastructure, sports competitions and talent development, Khelo India Centres and sports academies, the Fit India Movement, and the promotion of inclusiveness through sports. Key achievements under the Scheme include approval of 321 new sports infrastructure projects, notification of 1045 Khelo India Centres (KICs), 34 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCs), accreditation of 306 sports academies aimed at training children, supporting former athletes, and enhancing grassroots sports infrastructure. So far, 17 editions of the Khelo India Games have been conducted, with participation from over 50,000 athletes. The scheme has identified and supported 2845 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) across the country who are provided with coaching, equipment, medical care, and a monthly Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) of Rs. 10,000.

Details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the Khelo India Scheme from 2021-2024 are as under:

(in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds allocated	Expenditure incurred (as on 28.02.2025)
1.	2021-22	869.00	764.29
2.	2022-23	600.00	596.39
3.	2023-24	880.00	872.20
4.	2024-25	800.00	738.98

(c) A total of 321 new sports infrastructure projects at a combined sanctioned cost of ₹ 3079.99 crore have been approved under the Khelo India Scheme

(d) The government is enhancing the effectiveness of Khelo India Centres (KICs) by engaging Past Champion Athletes (PCAs) as coaches and mentors, providing them with initial and annual support. The initiative has created livelihood opportunities for 926 PCAs, who are now coaching in 938 KICs. These athletes undergo capacity-building programs, including refresher and certificate courses at no cost, offered by Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NSNIS) Patiala and other academies. The KIC at the Sports Stadium, Kushinagar, is operational with one PCA engaged for structured athlete training, in the sports discipline of Boxing.
