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(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

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Welfare and support schemes for sportspersons in North Eastern Region

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Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are many sportspersons coming from North Eastern Region for many international competitions without proper amenities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any initiatives have been taken to enhance the financial security, training infrastructure and mental wellness support for the Sportspersons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to ensure the timely disbursement of financial assistance and incentives to sportspersons under various schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) & (b): No, Sir. Requisite amenities for sportspersons are provisioned under various schemes/programs of this Ministry. Details of training facilities in North Eastern Region are given at **Annexure-I**.

(c) & (d): "Sports" being a State subject the responsibility for promotion and development of sports, including enhancing financial security, training infrastructure and mental wellness support for the sportspersons, rests primarily with the respective State Government. However, the Central Government supplements their efforts through its various schemes/programs/initiatives, as under:

- Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS): Provides comprehensive support to selected sportspersons including monthly Out-of-Pocket Allowance (OPA), access to international training, coaching, physiotherapy, mental conditioning, and equipment.

- Khelo India Scheme: Focuses on talent identification, infrastructure development, athlete scholarships, and coaching support at both grassroots and elite levels.
- Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF): Financial support is provided towards training of athletes which includes all requisite facilities for their preparations including wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, equipment support, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc. besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad.
- Scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons provides additional financial security to sportspersons post retirement from active sports career in the form of life-time pension ranging from ₹12,000/- to ₹20,000/- per month. The sportspersons, who are retired from an active sports career and won medals in Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World Cup, World Championships, Asian Games, Para Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, are eligible for life-time pension under the scheme.
- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons provides financial assistance, ranging from ₹2 lakhs to ₹10 lakhs, to sportspersons and their families for injury, hardship, equipment, and event participation, etc.

The details of aforementioned schemes/programmes are available on this Ministry's website at <https://yas.nic.in/>

Further, to provide mental wellness support to sportspersons, sport psychologists and mental trainers are engaged at both national team and individual levels. Presence of a sports psychologist, including High-Performance Analyst (Psychology) or Performance Analyst (Psychology) is ensured at the National Centres of Excellence (NCoE) of SAI. These sports psychologists are responsible for helping the athletes with the mental training pertaining to optimal performance, as well as enabling them to achieve emotional wellbeing also.

Besides, the Government has recently announced Khelo Bharat Niti-2025 which also, inter-alia, has provisions to address the challenges being faced by the sportspersons and the coaches/trainers.

(e) The Government has adopted a series of measures to ensure the timely and transparent disbursement of financial assistance and incentives to sportspersons/coaches under various schemes. Key measures among these is the implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism for disbursement and online portals to digitize the process of inviting applications, thus ensuring the timely and efficient disbursement of financial assistance/incentives to beneficiaries. Under this system, financial assistance/support is directly transferred into the bank accounts of the sportspersons/coaches thereby eliminating delays, reduces administrative bottlenecks, and ensures that the benefits reach the intended beneficiaries in a timely and efficient manner.

A. DETAILS OF SAI SCHEMES IN THE NORTH EASTERN STATE**REGIONAL CENTRES, GUWAHATI****National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs)**

| SN | Region/ Centre Name | Disciplines | Residential | Non-Residential |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | Assam | | | |
| 1 | Guwahati | Archery | 05 | 10 |
| | | Boxing | 30 | 12 |
| | | Cycling | 38 | 0 |
| | | Fencing | 14 | 6 |
| | | Football | 10 | 10 |
| | | Taekwondo | 20 | 10 |
| | | TOTAL: | 117 | 48 |
| | Arunachal Pradesh | | | |
| 2 | Itanagar | Archery | 0 | 14 |
| | | Boxing | 10 | 0 |
| | | Weightlifting | 18 | 0 |
| | | Wushu | 23 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL: | 51 | 14 |
| | | G. Total | 168 | 62 |
| | SAI Training Centres (STCs) | | | |
| | Assam | | | |
| 1 | Golaghat | Boxing | 30 | 07 |
| | | Football | 0 | 22 |
| | | TOTAL: | 30 | 29 |
| 2 | Tinsukia | Football | 0 | 22 |
| | | Judo | 29 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL: | 29 | 22 |
| 3 | Kokrajhar | Archery | 24 | 0 |
| | | Athletics | 26 | 0 |
| | | Boxing | 24 | 0 |
| | | Football | 24 | 18 |
| | | Hockey | 22 | 0 |
| | | Kabaddi | 18 | 0 |
| | | Taekwondo | 26 | 0 |
| | | Wushu | 24 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL: | 188 | 18 |
| 4 | Solalgaon | Boxing | 15 | 0 |
| | | Football | 19 | 03 |
| | | Weightlifting | 15 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL: | 49 | 3 |
| | | Sub. TOTAL: | 296 | 72 |
| | Arunachal Pradesh | | | |
| 5 | Naharlagun | Boxing | 30 | 10 |
| | | Karate | 30 | 0 |

| SN | Region/ Centre Name | Disciplines | Residential | Non-Residential |
|----|---|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | | Taekwondo | 25 | 10 |
| | | TOTAL: | 85 | 20 |
| | Meghalaya | | | |
| 6 | Shillong | Archery | 19 | 02 |
| | | Athletics | 24 | 0 |
| | | Boxing | 28 | 0 |
| | | Football | 03 | 14 |
| | | Judo | 15 | 0 |
| | | Karate | 17 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL: | 106 | 16 |
| | Sikkim | | | |
| 7 | Namchi | Archery | 09 | 02 |
| | | Boxing | 06 | 10 |
| | | Football | 16 | 08 |
| | | Taekwondo | 14 | 08 |
| | | TOTAL: | 45 | 28 |
| | | G.TOTAL: | 532 | 136 |
| | Extension Centres of STCs | | | |
| | Assam | | | |
| 1 | Dibrugarh Judo Association, Dibrugarh | Judo | 0 | 20 |
| 2 | Table Tennis Academy at Jorhat | Table Tennis | 0 | 26 |
| 3 | Dakha Devi Rasiwasia College, Chabua | Archery | 0 | 12 |
| 4 | MAHCHS School, Majuli | Athletics | 0 | 0 |
| | (Not Operational) | Football | 0 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL: | 0 | 58 |
| | Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA) | | | |
| | Assam | | | |
| 1 | Martial Authority of Assam Tengapara, Kokrajhar | Khomlainai | 0 | 14 |
| | | TOTAL: | 0 | 14 |
| | Adopted Akhara | | | |
| | Assam | | | |
| 1 | Langhin Tinali Sports Asso., Langhin, Anglong | Wrestling | 0 | 49 |
| | | TOTAL: | 0 | 49 |

REGIONAL CENTRES, IMPHAL

| SN | Region/ State/ Centre Name | Disciplines | Residential | Non-Residential |
|----|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Manipur | | | |
| 1 | Imphal | Archery | 21 | 7 |
| | | Cycling | 29 | 0 |
| | | Fencing | 23 | 0 |
| | | Football | 38 | 0 |

| SN | Region/ State/ Centre Name | Disciplines | Residential | Non-Residential |
|----|--|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | | Hockey | 44 | 0 |
| | | Judo | 28 | 0 |
| | | Weightlifting | 22 | 0 |
| | | Wushu | 33 | 7 |
| | | TOTAL: | 238 | 14 |
| | SAI Training Centres (STCs) | | | |
| | Manipur | | | |
| 1 | Imphal | Boxing | 35 | 0 |
| | | Gymnastics | 16 | 0 |
| | | Karate | 14 | 15 |
| | | Sepaktakraw | 33 | 0 |
| | | Wrestling | 16 | 14 |
| | | Wushu | 12 | 08 |
| | | TOTAL: | 126 | 37 |
| 2 | Utlou | Boxing | 25 | 0 |
| | | Football | 0 | 22 |
| | | Taekwondo | 25 | 0 |
| | | Weightlifting | 21 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL: | 71 | 22 |
| | | Sub. TOTAL: | 197 | 59 |
| | | | | |
| | Mizoram | | | |
| 3 | Aizwal (incl.Lunglei) | Boxing | 41 | 0 |
| | (Thenzawl) | Hockey | 40 | 0 |
| | | Judo | 22 | 0 |
| | (incl.Lunglei) | Taekwondo | 24 | 0 |
| | | Weightlifting | 05 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL: | 132 | 0 |
| | Nagaland | | | |
| 4 | Dimapur | Boxing | 19 | 0 |
| | | Football | 20 | 0 |
| | | Sepaktakraw | 23 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL: | 62 | 0 |
| | | G.TOTAL: | 391 | 59 |
| | Indigenous Games & Martial Arts(IGMA) | | | |
| | Manipur | | | |
| 1 | The Sofia English School,Wangmataba, Thoubal | Mukna | 0 | 17 |
| | | Thang-Ta | 0 | 8 |
| | | TOTAL: | 0 | 25 |
| 2 | Panthoibi Jagoi Sindam Academy, Shanglen | Mukna | 0 | 9 |
| | | Thang-Ta | 0 | 11 |
| | | TOTAL: | 0 | 20 |
| | | G.TOTAL: | 0 | 45 |

SUMMARY

| SN | Region(s) | No. of Centres | Residential | Non-Residential |
|----|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Guwahati | 15 | 700 | 319 |
| 2 | Imphal | 07 | 633 | 118 |
| | G.TOTAL: | 22 | 1333 | 437 |

B. DETAILS OF KHELO INDIA CENTRES (KICs), KHELO INDIA STATE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (KISCE) AND KHELO INDIA ACADEMIES UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN THE NORTH EASTERN STATE

Khelo India Centres (KICs):

| S. No. | State/UTs | KICs |
|--------|-------------------|------------|
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 66 |
| 2. | Assam | 54 |
| 3. | Manipur | 35 |
| 4. | Meghalaya | 24 |
| 5. | Mizoram | 23 |
| 6. | Nagaland | 32 |
| 7. | Sikkim | 11 |
| 8. | Tripura | 15 |
| | Total | 260 |

Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE):

| S. No. | State | District | Name/Address of KISCE | Discipline |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|--|---|
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | Lower Subansiri | Sangey Lhaden Sports Academy, ChimpuItanagar | Archery, Judo & Weightlifting |
| 2. | Assam | Kamrup | States Sports Academy, Sarusajai | Boxing, Shooting, Weightlifting, Athletics & Boxing |
| 3. | Manipur | Imphal East | Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, Imphal | Archery, Hockey & Weightlifting |
| 4. | Meghalaya | East Khasi Hills | J N S Complex, Shillong, Meghalaya | Archery, Athletics & Boxing |
| 5. | Mizoram | Aizawl | Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Aizawal | Boxing, Judo & Weightlifting |
| 6. | Nagaland | Kohima | State Sports Academy, IG Stadium Kohima | Archery, Boxing & Wrestling |
| 7. | Sikkim | East Sikkim | Paljor Stadium, Gangtok | Archery, Athletics & Boxing |
| 8. | Tripura | West Tripura | Dasarath Dev State Sports Complex, Badharght, Agartala | Athletics, Judo & Swimming |

Khelo India Academies (KIAs):

| S. No. | State/UTs | No. of Academies |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 5 |
| 2. | Assam | 4 |
| 3. | Manipur | 10 |
| 4. | Meghalaya | 0 |
| 5. | Mizoram | 0 |
| 6. | Nagaland | 0 |
| 7. | Sikkim | 0 |
| 8. | Tripura | 0 |
| | Total | 19 |

C. DETAILS OF INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTED UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME IS AVAILABLE ON KHELO INDIA DASHBOARD AT <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/>
