

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3354
ANSWERED ON- 21/08/2025

PROGRESS UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME

3354. SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

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

- (a) the State-wise and sports discipline-wise number of athletes who have participated in various Khelo India initiatives since their inception, including details of training centres functional under each discipline;
- (b) the State-wise number of athletes who have received scholarships or financial assistance under the Khelo India Scheme, along with the sports disciplines covered and the selection criteria used; and
- (c) whether athletes supported under Khelo India have been recruited into national or international teams or events, and if so, the number of such athletes, along with details of the sports and events in which they have represented the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) State-wise and discipline-wise number of athletes who have participated in various Khelo India Games till date are available in the public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/state-wise-khelo-india-centers>. The details of Khelo India Centres (KIC), Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) and Khelo India Accredited Academies (KIAA), along with sports disciplines covered under these centres, are available in the public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in>.

(b) The Khelo India Scheme through Khelo India Talent Development identifies Khelo India Athletes (KIA) across 21 sports disciplines, including para-sports, and nurtures them through supporting ecosystem in a consent-based approach leaving the freedom of choosing place of training to athletes. Based on guidelines and benchmarks laid down in the protocols, the Talent Identification and Development Committee (TIDC) consists of eminent athletes, National observer, eminent coaches, sports scientists, and representatives from National Sports Federation (NSFs) etc. compile a Scouting List from competitions. Athletes selected are called for Assessment Camps (as required) and a final list of selected athletes is prepared. As per consent of athlete, KIA gets inducted into Khelo India Accredited Academy. Details of State-wise and discipline-wise number of KIAs who have received scholarships or financial assistance under the Khelo India Scheme are at Annexure – I.

(c) Yes Sir. The performance of Khelo India Athletes at the National/International level, including the Olympics and Asian Games are as follows:

- i) National Games: Out of the total medal tally of 1010 at National Games in 20 Sports supported through Khelo India Talent Identification (KITD) 542 have been won by Khelo India Athletes (KIAs).
- ii) Olympics: At the Paris Olympics, 28 Khelo India athletes (KIAs) were part of the 117-member contingent, representing a significant improvement from the Tokyo Olympics. India sent 70 male & 47 females across 16 sports in Paris, comprising nearly 25% KIAs, reflecting the program's success in unearthing and nurturing talent.
- iii) Paralympics: The Paris Paralympics witnessed an even more impressive participation from KIAs. Six medals out of the historic 29 medals from the Paralympic contingent came from the Khelo India Athletes, demonstrating the program's commitment to inclusive sports development. A total of 24 Khelo India athletes took part at the Paris Paralympics out of a total contingent of 84 para-athletes.
- iv) Asian Games: 124 Khelo India Athletes participated, and 42 Medals won by KIAs in Asian Games 2022.
- v) Other International Medals: The achievement of international medals has demonstrated remarkable progress and resilience over the years. With 551 medals in 2024-25, the current tally of 62 medals for 2025-26 (till June for the current financial year) reflects a promising achievement on the global stage.
- vi) Other National Achievements: KIAs won 2294 medals in 2024-25. The current tally of medals for 2025-26 is 333 medals (till June for the current financial year).
- vii) Transition of Athletes to Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS): 138 Khelo India athletes have progressed to the TOPS scheme and benefitted from enhanced training facilities, coaching, and international exposure, preparing them for major events like the Olympics.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3354 ANSWERED ON 21.08.2025 REGARDING PROGRESS UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME ASKED BY SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE, HON'BLE MP, RAJYA SABHA

Details of State-wise and discipline-wise number of Khelo India Athletes who have received scholarships or financial assistance under the Khelo India Scheme

S. No.	Name of State / UT	Number of Khelo India Athletes
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4
2	Andhra Pradesh	57
3	Arunachal Pradesh	17
4	Assam	53
5	Bihar	17
6	Chandigarh	34
7	Chhattisgarh	31
8	Daman Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	2
9	Delhi	140
10	Goa	4
11	Gujarat	68
12	Haryana	497
13	Himachal Pradesh	32
14	Jammu & Kashmir	14
15	Jharkhand	51
16	Karnataka	160
17	Kerala	114
18	Ladakh	1
19	Lakshadweep	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	97
21	Maharashtra	303
22	Manipur	116
23	Meghalaya	4
24	Mizoram	15
25	Nagaland	1
26	Odisha	81
27	Puducherry	8
28	Punjab	144
29	Rajasthan	155
30	Sikkim	0
31	Tamil Nadu	190
32	Telangana	58
33	Tripura	3
34	Uttar Pradesh	176
35	Uttarakhand	49
36	West Bengal	111
Total		2808

Discipline-wise list of Khelo India Athletes

S. No.	Name of Discipline	Number of Khelo India Athletes
1	Archery	160
2	Athletics	221
3	Badminton	159
4	Basketball	76
5	Boxing	134
6	Cycling	118
7	Fencing	145
8	Football	113
9	Gymnastic	91
10	Hockey	190
11	Judo	118
12	Kabaddi	98
13	Para Sports	83
14	Rowing	106
15	Shooting	215
16	Swimming	138
17	Table Tennis	118
18	Tennis	96
19	Volleyball	117
20	Weightlifting	143
21	Wrestling	169
	Total	2808
