

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3356**

ANSWERED ON 21/08/2025

**YOUTH SPORTS CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU**

3356 SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme or proposal to establish Youth Sports Centres across the country to promote sports and physical fitness among youth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of centres sanctioned, operational and proposed in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the criteria adopted for selecting locations for such centres and whether rural and semi-urban areas are being prioritised;
- (d) whether Government has partnered with State Governments, including Tamil Nadu, for the funding, infrastructure, and management of these centres; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to ensure access to quality coaching, sports equipment and infrastructure in these centres?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) 'Sports' is a State subject, and the responsibility of development of sports, including in rural and semi-urban areas rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts through its various schemes. The funds are allocated scheme-wise and not state-wise. Sports Authority of India is implementing National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs), SAI Training Centre (STC), Extension Centre of STC and National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) (and its Sub-Schemes - Regular Schools, IGMA & Akharas) across the country to promote sports and physical fitness among youth. SAI Training Centres (STCs) are established in states where the sports infrastructure is provided by the respective state governments and the same is managed by SAI. However, in some STCs, SAI has created its own infrastructure as per requirement. The detail of such centres in the state of Tamil Nadu is as per annexure. Further, under the Khelo India Scheme of the Ministry, 38 Khelo India Centres, 1 Khelo India State Centre of

Excellence and 20 Khelo India Accredited Academies have been notified in the State of Tamil Nadu. The details are available in public domain at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/>.

(e) To ensure access to quality coaching, sports equipment and infrastructure a One-Time Non-Recurring Grant for preparation/upgradation of sports field, purchase of sports equipment etc. is given for the KICs . Annual Recurring Grant is provided for remuneration to coach/past champion athlete, support staff, purchase of sports equipment, sports kit, consumables, competition/event participation, etc. The Khelo India Athlete (KIA) under accredited sports academies are given a Support per trainee per annum of ₹ 6,28,400/- . The athletes at SAI centres are provided with state-of-the-art sports infrastructure, equipment, sports science backup, expert coaches and support staff, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, healthy nutritious diet and medical/insurance to improve their performance at national and international levels.

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3356 FOR 21.08.2025 ASKED BY SHRI R. DHARMAR REGARDING “YOUTH SPORTS CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU”.**

**No. of SAI Centres and No. of Athletes**

| SN | State         | NCOE | STC | NSTC            |              |      |         | Total | No. of Athletes |       |       |           |       |       |
|----|---------------|------|-----|-----------------|--------------|------|---------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|
|    |               |      |     |                 |              |      |         |       | Resi.           |       |       | Non-Resi. |       | Total |
|    |               |      |     | Ext.<br>Centres | Reg.<br>Sch. | IGMA | Akharas |       | Boys            | Girls | Total | Boys      | Girls |       |
| 1  | Tamil<br>Nadu | 0    | 3   | 0               | 0            | 2    | 0       | 05    | 103             | 54    | 157   | 38        | 37    | 75    |

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