

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 59
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2025

PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER SPORTS

*59. Shri Sant Balbir Singh:

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

(a) the details of efforts being made by Government to promote water sports such as rowing, canoeing, sailing, kayaking and swimming in the country;

(b) the details of infrastructure development programmes in the country specifically for water sports, including the creation of water sports centers, equipment distribution or training facilities; and

(c) the manner in which Government plans to bring water sports to the level of popular sports like cricket in terms of media attention, sponsorships and public participation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 59 FOR 04.12.2025 ASKED BY SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH REGARDING PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER SPORTS.

(a) to (c) For promotion and development of water sports in the country, the Ministry has recognized the following National Sports Federations (NSFs), which are mandated, inter alia, to organize national championships, conduct international sports events in India and their State level affiliated units being responsible for organizing sports competitions at State level, so as to promote the culture of competitive sports:

- (i) Yachting Association of India (YAI)
- (ii) Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association (IKCA)
- (iii) Swimming Federation of India (SFI)
- (iv) Rowing Federation of India (RFI)
- (v) Surfing Federation of India

Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federation (ANSF) this Ministry provides financial assistance to recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs) through Sports Authority of India (SAI) which is the Central Nodal Agency (CNA), for support for training of athletes, participation in international events, conduct of national championships, conduct of international tournaments in India, engagement of foreign coaches/support staff, scientific & medical support etc.

'Sports', being a state subject, the responsibility for development of sports infrastructure for various sports including that for water sports rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments, while the Central Government supplements their efforts. Under the Khelo India Scheme, 17 projects pertaining to Swimming Pools have been sanctioned across the country. The details of infrastructure development programmes, under Khelo India Scheme and SAI, in the country for water sports are attached as Annexure-I.

This Ministry through SAI has established National Centres of Excellence (NCOE), SAI Training Centres (STCs), Extension Centre of STCs across the country to identify talented sportspersons at grassroot levels in various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels. The list of NCOE, STCs, Extension Centre of STCs for water sports across the country are attached as Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 59 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2025 REGARDING “PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER SPORTS” ASKED BY SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA

i. Infrastructure Project sanctioned under Khelo India Scheme for water sports

S. No.	State/UT	Name of the project
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Construction of swimming pool with water purifier at Adikavi Nannayya University, Rajamahendravaram, District East Godavari
2.	Bihar	Construction of Swimming Pool at Saidpur Campus, Patna University, District Patna
3.	Bihar	Construction of Swimming Pool at Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour Campus, District Bhagalpur
4.	Bihar	Construction Of Khelo India Olympic Size Swimming Pool at IIT Patna Bihta Campus, Patna
5.	Gujarat	Construction of Swimming Pool at Swarnim Gujarat Sports University, Valavav, District Vadodara
6.	Haryana	Construction of All Weather Olympic size Swimming Pool at Kurukshetra University, District Kurukshetra
7.	Karnataka	Construction of Swimming Pool in Sri Jayaprakash Narayana National Youth Training Centre Vidyanagar, District Bengaluru
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Construction of Swimming pool at SAI Central Regional Centre, District Bhopal
9.	Madhya Pradesh	Construction of Swimming Pool at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), District Anuppur
10.	Maharashtra	Construction of Swimming Pool at SAI Western Training Centre, District Aurangabad
11.	Maharashtra	Upgradation of Olympic Swimming Parking Ground at Municipal Council Katol, District Nagpur
12.	Manipur	Construction of Swimming Pool with RCC Gallery, toilet, change room at District Bishnupur Headquarters
13.	Odisha	Construction of Swimming Pool at District Hqrs., District Boudh
14.	Puducherry	Construction of Swimming Pool at Saradambal Nagar, District Puducherry
15.	Tamil Nadu	Construction of Swimming Pool at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Melakottaiyur, Chennai, District Chengalpattu
16.	Telangana	Construction of Swimming pool for women at Osmania University, District Hyderabad
17.	Tripura	Construction of Swimming Pool at Regional College of Physical Education (RCPE), Panisagar, District North Tripura

ii. Infrastructure Project sanctioned under SAI for water sports

S. No	State	Name of Work
1	Gujarat	Construction of Aquatic complex at Regional Centre Gandhinagar
2	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Learners Swimming pool at Netaji Subhas Regional Centre Lucknow
3	Punjab	Indoor swimming pool 25X25 mtr. size at National Institute of Sports Patiala
4	Kerala	New Boat House and Floating Jetty at SAI Special Area Games (SAG) Alleppey

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NCOE, STCs, Extension Centre of STCs for water sports across the country

Scheme	Centre(s)	Discipline(s)
NCOE	Bhopal	Kayaking & Canoeing
NCOE	Jagatpur	Kayaking & Canoeing
NCOE	Jagatpur	Rowing
STC	Port Blair	Kayaking & Canoeing
STC	Port Blair	Rowing
STC	Bilaspur	Kayaking & Canoeing
STC	Bilaspur	Rowing
Extension Centre of STC	Dal Lake, Srinagar	Kayaking & Canoeing
STC	Agartala	Swimming
STC	Yanam	Swimming
STC	Trichur	Swimming
NCOE	Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming Pool Complex, New Delhi	Swimming
