

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1424 #
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SPORTS FACILITIES AT GRASSROOT-LEVEL

1424. # DR. SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK

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

- (a) whether poor performance of the country in international events like FIH Pro League indicates gaps in the ground level sports infrastructure and coaching support;
- (b) whether talent identification is being systematically done at the school and panchayat levels under the Khelo India scheme;
- (c) whether the Ministry has released State-wise performance metrics for grassroots-level sports participation; and
- (d) whether any new provision for funds has been made to upgrade sports facilities in tier II and III cities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) The primary responsibility of promotion and development of specific sports disciplines, including evaluation of performance and taking corrective measures, is that of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF), which in the case of Hockey, is Hockey India.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Sports Authority of India undertake periodic review while considering the plans / proposals of the NSFs, including of Hockey India in the Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) meetings relating to training, competitive exposure, coaches and support personnel, for preparing sportspersons/teams for the international events.

(b) Under the Khelo India Scheme, a series of national level competitions are organised to identify sports talent at grassroots level. These competitions include the Khelo India Youth Games, Khelo India University Games, Khelo India Para Games and Khelo India Winter Games.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Ministry renders financial support for creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure by filling critical gaps including existing sports facilities in States/Union Territories including in tier-2 and tier-3 cities under its schemes. The details of the sports infrastructure projects sanctioned under Khelo India Scheme and National Sports Development Fund, across the country, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in> and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>, respectively.
