

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1426
ANSWERED ON- 11/12/2025

KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) the number of students selected for scholarships under Khelo India scheme in Tamil Nadu, district-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of benefits likely to be availed by players through this scheme, sport-wise;
- (c) whether Government has achieved the objectives for which Khelo India Youth Games were organized and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to encourage sports in remote under-developed areas including villages?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a) District-wise and year-wise number of Khelo India Athletes in the State of Tamil Nadu are at Annexure – I.
- (b) Under the component “Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies” of Khelo India Scheme, the identified talents are given option to join the accredited Khelo India academies and also provided financial assistance of Rs. 6.28 Lakh per annum [including Rs 1.20 Lakh as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA)] towards training expenses, coaching, competitions exposure, education, equipment support, scientific support, etc. for all sports disciplines covered under Khelo India Scheme.
- (c) Yes, Sir. The Khelo India Scheme aims at infusing sports culture and achieving sporting excellence in the country thus allowing the populace to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence. It focuses on the broad basing of sports amongst the youth and the promotion of sports activities throughout the country. Till date, 01 Khelo India School Games and 06 editions of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) have been organised. The benchmark of technical conduct of these Games is of International Standards. These games have witnessed a participation of more than 34,500 athletes, out of which 2897 athletes have been selected as Khelo India Athletes. Various initiatives have been undertaken with an aim to provide training and exposure at par with the International Standards, which includes training of Khelo India Athletes in accredited academies. Further, these athletes compete with National/International athletes at various forums which enhance their capabilities and strengthen the bench strength of the country for future National/International events.

(d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements the following schemes for the promotion of sports in the country, including in remote under-developed areas including villages:

- (i) Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports;
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations;
- (iii) Cash Incentive to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches;
- (iv) National Sports Awards;
- (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons;
- (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons;
- (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and
- (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

ANNEXURE – I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1426 ANSWERED ON 11/12/2025 REGARDING KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU ASKED BY DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU, HON'BLE MP, RAJYA SABHA

District-wise and year-wise number of Khelo India Athletes in the State of Tamil Nadu				
S.No.	District Names	No. of KIAs		
		FY 2025-26	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
1	Chennai	43	47	47
2	Coimbatore	22	24	22
3	Cuddalore	4	2	3
4	Dharmapuri	2	2	1
5	Dindigul	2	1	2
6	Erode	8	4	2
7	Kanchipuram	9	12	12
8	Kanyakumari	13	13	9
9	Karur	1	0	0
10	Krishnagiri	1	1	2
11	Madurai	9	10	11
12	Nagapattinam	1	2	1
13	Namakkal	2	2	2
14	Ramanathapuram	2	1	1
15	Pudukkottai	1	0	0
16	Salem	8	8	7
17	Thanjavur	5	6	3
18	Sivaganga	1	1	0
19	Theni	2	3	1
20	Tiruvallur	20	21	15
21	Tiruchirappalli	3	5	5
22	Tirunelveli	11	11	9
23	Tiruppur	3	0	0
24	Tuticorin	4	4	5
25	Vellore	8	14	13
26	Virudhunagar	1	0	0
	Grand Total	186	194	173
