

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1429**  
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

**AKHARA GOD SCHEME**

1429 # DR. BHIM SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched a scheme called Akhara God (Adopt an Akhara) to promote traditional rural sports and wrestling, under which financial assistance of ₹1,000 per month is provided to selected akharas or wrestlers;
- (b) if so, the details of framework and budget of the scheme, implementing States/regions, the number of beneficiary akharas/wrestlers along with the progress made, so far; and
- (c) if not, whether Government proposes to introduce such a scheme in future to revive traditional wrestling and indigenous games in rural areas?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched a scheme called Akhara God (Adopt an Akhara) to promote traditional rural sports and wrestling. For athletes training in adopted akharas, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) provides a range of benefits, including a monthly stipend, sports kit, competition-exposure allowance, insurance coverage, and access to coaching as well as wrestling mats and gym facilities. The stipend is ₹1,000 per trainee per month, provided for 10 months in a year.

The details of Adopted Akharas and their financial norms along with the wrestlers in Akharas, National Centre of Excellences (NCOEs), SAI Training Centres (STCs), and Extension Centres of STCs - State-wise & Region-wise, are at Annexure-I.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1429 FOR 11.12.2025 ASKED BY DR. BHIM SINGH REGARDING 'AKHARA GOD SCHEME'.**

**Number of Beneficiaries in Wrestling Discipline under the SAI Schemes (Adopted Akharas Including NCOES, STCs & Extension Centres of STC, State wise/ Region wise during the year 2025-2026**

**Adopted Akharas Wrestling Athletes under NSTC Scheme:**

SN	State(s)	Region(s)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Assam	Guwahati	14
2	Delhi	Sonepat	131
3	Haryana	Sonepat	90
4	Maharashtra	Mumbai	389
5	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	60
6	Punjab	Zirakpur	50
7	Rajasthan	Gandhinagar	27
8	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	116
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>877</b>

**Wrestling Athletes under NCOEs, STCs and Extension Centres of STC Schemes:**

SN	State(s)	Region(s)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Haryana	Sonepat	153
2	Himachal Pradesh	Zirakpur	27
3	Maharashtra	Mumbai	46
4	Karnataka	Bangalore	25
5	Kerala	LNCPE	17
6	Manipur	Imphal	20
7	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	22
8	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	48
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>358</b>

**FINANCIAL NORMS OF AKHARAS SCHEMES**

S.no.	Particulars	Amount in Rs.
1	Sports Kit (Per Trainee per annum)	3000.00
2	Competition Exposure (Per Trainee per annum)	3000.00
3	Stipend (per head per month) Rs.1000 x for 10 months	10000.00
4	Insurance	150.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16150.00</b>
	The adopted Akharas in addition the service of experienced coach will be provided with one set of Wrestling Mat / Multi-Gym.	

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