

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 631
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2025

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA

631. SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:

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

- (a) the number of sports academies and training centers in Odisha;
- (b) the support provided to young athletes from the State in national and international competitions;
- (c) the funds allocated for promotion of traditional sports and physical education;
- (d) the achievements of sportspersons of that State during the last five years; and
- (e) the plans to promote youth entrepreneurship and leadership programmes in the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (b): Sports being a State subject, the promotion of sports in a State is the primary responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, to support the efforts of State Governments, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports through Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following Sports Promotional Schemes across the country to identify talented sportspersons at grassroots levels in the various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels:

- National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)
- SAI Training Centre (STC)
- Extension Centre of STC
- National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)

There are total 8 sports academies and 30 Khelo India Centre of Excellence situated in the State of Odisha.

The selected athletes are provided financial support in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, scientific support, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/ insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

(c): Under the Khelo India scheme, Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports seeks to encourage, promote and popularize the indigenous sports and games played in the rural & tribal areas of the country. Traditional sports have been supported through a total financial outlay of approx. ₹10.69 crore, covering grants for establishing training centres, equipment, coach training and appointments, and scholarships for medal-winning athletes across Mallakhamb, Kalarippayattu, Gatka and Thang Ta, while support to Yogasana is provided separately on a case-to-case basis.

(d) The details of the achievements of sport persons from Odisha during the last five years are attached at **Annexure-I**.

(e) To Promote Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Programmes in the State of Odisha following programmes are part of Annual Action Plan 2025-26:

(i) **Experiential Learning Programme in Youth Leadership and Community Development For Viksit Bharat @2047**

Through this programme, youth will get trained and deployed to build their leadership skills, soft skills through activities like Water conservation, Digital Literacy and Machine Learning, Community Health, Agri Processing.

(ii) **MY Bharat Yuva Mandal Samvaad**

To foster a stronger connection between the youth and the nation-building agenda, the Block Level MY Bharat Youth Club Convention aims to initiate a structured dialogue with Youth Club members and also spread awareness about Viksit Bharat @2047 through Youth clubs in rural areas.

(iii) **Future Youth Leaders' Bootcamp**

Bootcamp seeks to provide youth with practical exposure to democratic functioning, leadership development, and career planning, thereby preparing them to meaningfully contribute to the five resolves (Panch Pran) of Amrit Kaal.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 631 FOR 04.12.2025 ASKED BY SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTAR AND SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN REGARDING ‘SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA’

Achievements of Sportspersons of the State of Odisha for the last five years

Sr. No.	Name of the athlete	Discipline	Game Type	Medal / Participation
1	Sh. Amit Rohidas	Hockey	Olympic Games, 2024	Bronze Medal
2	Sh. Kishore Jena	Athletics		Participation
3	Sh. Amit Rohidas	Hockey	Asian Games, 2022	Gold
4	Ms. Deep Grace Ekka			Bronze
5	Sh. Kishore Jena	Athletics		Silver
6	Sh. Punit Kumar	Rowing		Participation
7	Ms. Sonali Swain			
8	Sh. Amit Rohidas	Hockey	Commonwealth Games, 2022	Silver
9	Ms. Deep Grace Ekka			Bronze
10	Ms. Dutee Chand	Athletics		Participation
11	Ms. Srabani Nanda			
12	Ms. Dutee Chand	Athletics	Olympics, 2020	Participation
13	Sh. Amit Rohidas	Hockey		Bronze
14	Sh. Birendra Lakra			
15	Ms. Deep Grace Ekka			Participation
