

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No-636**  
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**UPGRADING SPORTS FACILITIES**

636 # DR. SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

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

- (a) whether the poor performance of Indian team in international events like the FIH Pro League is being reviewed;
- (b) the action being taken by Government to identify the real cause of such performance;
- (c) whether Government has any concrete policy for identifying sports talent at the school and panchayat levels under the 'Khelo India' scheme; and
- (d) whether any new financial arrangement has been made for upgrading sports facilities in tier II and tier III cities?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b): 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.

Based on these assessments, corrective measures are taken for effective training plans, foreign exposures, appointment of support staff and experts, and financial assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.

Further, under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, the Government provides financial assistance, world-class training support, foreign exposure, sports-science interventions, and other customised assistance to elite athletes to address performance-related issues and improve output in major events.

(c): 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.

(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.

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