

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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RURAL SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRAINING FACILITIES

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to strengthen rural sport infrastructure and training facilities under the Khelo India and other schemes;
- (b) whether new rural sport complexes or centres of excellence are proposed to be established; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated to States for grassroot sports promotion and talent identification in rural areas?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including strengthening rural sport infrastructure and training facilities, establishing rural sport complexes or centres of excellence, grassroot sports promotion and talent identification in rural areas, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports in the country, including in rural areas:

- (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 (SAI).

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

The details of the sports infrastructure projects approved and their sanctioned cost, funds released and their physical and financial progress, under the Khelo India Scheme and National Sports Development Funds (NSDF), across the country, including in rural areas, are available in public domain on the dashboards of the Ministry at <https://mstd.kheloindia.gov.in> and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>, respectively.

The details of other sports facilities under Khelo India Scheme, viz. Khelo India Centres, Khelo India State Centres of Excellence and Khelo India Accredited Academies, across the country, including in rural areas, are available at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in>. Further, the details of various sports facilities run by SAI, such as National Centres of Excellence (NCoE), Sports Training Centres (STC), Extension Centres of STCs, across the country, including in rural areas, are available at <https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in>.

The schemes of this Ministry are demand driven. The proposals received from the State/ UT Government and other eligible entities are considered for financial support, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under the scheme. There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry to establish new rural sport complexes or centres of excellence.

Funds are allocated Scheme-wise and not State-wise in this Ministry. The details of funds allocated under various Sports Development Schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports across the country, including for grassroot sports promotion and talent identification in rural areas, during the last three years are as under:

(amount in ₹ crore)

Financial Year	Funds allocated
2024-25	2136.97
2023-24	2329.35
2022-23	1879.99
