

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1594**  
ANSWERED ON- 12/02/2026

**KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU**

1594. SHRI R. DHARMAR

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

- (a) the features of Khelo India scheme;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of target set and achievements made, so far, along with its objectives and aim;
- (d) whether Government is providing government jobs to Khelo India medal winner athletes and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has launched KIRTI programme under this scheme across the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the number of States being covered initially under this programme?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) The Khelo India Scheme aims to infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence all over the country thus allowing the population to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development.

The 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' has the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country. The Scheme has the following 05 components:

- i. Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure
- ii. Sports Competitions and Talent Development
- iii. Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies

- iv. Fit India Movement
- v. Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports

(b) The funds are allocated and released Scheme-wise, not State-wise, in this Ministry. Details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the Khelo India Scheme during the last three years and the current year are as under:

(in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds allocated	Expenditure incurred
1.	2022-23	600.00	596.39
2.	2023-24	880.00	872.20
3.	2024-25	746.54	620.75
4.	2025-26	700.00	628.91 (as on 15.01.2026)

(c) The Khelo India Scheme is a demand-driven scheme. The proposals received from the State/UT Governments and other eligible entities are considered for financial support, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under the Scheme in line with the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports to infuse sports culture in the country. The achievements made so far under the Khelo India Scheme are at Annexure-I.

(d) The information regarding placement of Khelo India medal winners, in government jobs across the country, is not maintained in this Ministry.

(e) to (g) Yes. The pilot initiative Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) was launched on 12th March 2024. A total of 1,87,921 assessments have been done under KIRTI, across 174 Talent Assessment Centres in 35 States/UTs of India.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1594 ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026 REGARDING KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU ASKED BY SHRI R. DHARMAR, HON'BLE MP, RAJYA SABHA**

**Major achievements under Khelo India Scheme**

Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure: 344 new sports infrastructure projects have been approved in 32 States / Union Territories at a total sanctioned cost of ₹ 3158.33 crore.

Annual Sports Competitions: Under this initiative, 22 editions of Khelo India Games have been organized i.e. 01 Khelo India School Games, 06 editions of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG), 05 editions of Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG), 05 editions of Khelo India University Games (KIUG), 02 Khelo India Para Games (KIPG), 01 Khelo India Water Sports Festival and 02 Khelo India Beach Games. These games have witnessed a total participation of more than 60,000 athletes.

Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies: 35 KISCES have been approved in 34 States/UTs. These KISCES are being provided financial support in terms of manpower, sports equipment, sports science support, etc. will be provided after conducting viability gap analysis. Till date a total of 1067 Khelo India Centres (KIC) have been notified across the country. A total of 322 Academies accredited for training of athletes identified under the Khelo India.

Khelo India Talent Identification: Khelo India Talent Identification Development (KITD) is one of the most important verticals of the Khelo India Scheme. The country with vast diversity in terms of physical attributes offers immense opportunity to excel in the field of sports provided sporting talent is identified at right time and age-appropriate nurturing is done by coaches with the help of sports science support to achieve the objective winning medals in Olympics. The funding has been raised to Rs. 6,28,400/- per annum including an amount of Rs. 10000/- per month as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA). This is for all identified Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) irrespective of their background. More than 2905 KIAs are currently getting supported across 22 sports disciplines.

Fit India Movement: The objective is to make fitness an integral part of daily life of Indians by encouraging them to enrol and participate in Fitness Events/Activities such as marathons, cyclothons, runs and more, throughout the year, making it a People's Movement.

Sports for women: It aims at encouraging participation of women in sports through various activities. Under this initiative, various Khelo India Women's League – are being conducted. Till now women leagues have been organised in 34 sports disciplines across the country. Total 2407 competitions have been organized for Women athletes more than 2,00,000 participants. This initiative has significantly increased women participation in sports across the nation and has provided ample opportunities to women athletes to compete, learn and grow in all age groups.

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