

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2392**  
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**BID FOR HOSTING 2036 OLYMPICS**

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

- (a) the current stage of the "Continuous Dialogue" with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) regarding India's bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games;
- (b) whether Government has identified specific cities, such as Ahmedabad, as the primary hub for the Olympic infrastructure;
- (c) the number of Khelo India Centres (KICs) operational across the country and their success rate in feeding athletes into national camps; and
- (d) the fiscal provisions made in the Budget 2026-27 for the specialized training of athletes under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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(a) and (b) The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is responsible to undertake the formal bidding to host the Olympic Games in line with the frameworks of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The Olympic Games 2036, the bid is now in the "Continuous Dialogue" phase with the Future Host Commission of International Olympic Committee. The host selection process for 2036 Olympic Games is available in public domain on International Olympic Committee (IOC) website at <https://www.olympics.com/ioc/becoming-an-olympic-games-host/the-process-to-elect-olympic-hosts>. Govt. of Gujarat had submitted the proposal for intention to host 2036 Olympics games.

(c) Under the Khelo India Scheme, 1,066 Khelo India Centres (KICs) have been notified across the country, out of which 997 centres are operational. The Khelo India Centres (KICs) serve as grassroots talent development centres aimed at nurturing sporting talent that may subsequently progress to higher levels of training, including Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCES) and national coaching camps.

(d) In the Union Budget 2026-27, financial provision has been made National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) which provides funding for the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) to support specialized training of elite athletes. Under TOPS, identified athletes are provided assistance for specialized training, international exposure, engagement of foreign and domestic coaches, sports science and medical support, specialized equipment and out-of-pocket allowances. The scheme is implemented by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under the aegis of

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and proposals for athlete support are examined and approved by the Mission Olympic Cell. The objective of the scheme is to enhance the performance of Indian athletes in major international events such as the Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

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