

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3191
ANSWERED ON - 19/03/2026

TALENT ASSESSMENT CENTRES (TACS)

3191 SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:

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

- (a) the objective and scope of Talent Assessment Centres (TACs) introduced by Government;
- (b) the number of such centres sanctioned and operational in the country, State-wise including district-wise in Telangana;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and released for establishing such centres, State/UT-wise including district-wise in Telangana; and
- (d) the number of assessments conducted by such centres, year-wise and State/UT-wise and district-wise in Telangana?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (d) The scope of Talent Assessment Centres (TACs) encompasses a multi-tiered infrastructure designed to identify and reach sporting talent across the country, with the primary objective of creating a sustainable pipeline of athletes for Indian sports. Under the Khelo India ecosystem, various facilities function as Talent Assessment Centres. At the district level, 1066 Khelo India Centres have been established across the country. These centres are provided with coaches and sports equipment, enabling periodic talent assessment and training at the grassroots level. At the State level, 35 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence located across 34 States/UTs are equipped with sports science facilities and specialised sports science manpower, and function as centres for talent assessment as well as performance monitoring.

In addition, periodic talent assessment is also undertaken at facilities of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), including SAI Training Centres (STCs) and National Centres of Excellence (NCoEs). Further, under the Khelo India Talent Development programme, talent assessment is generally conducted at SAI National Centres of Excellence during the pre-induction, induction and weeding-out stages of Khelo India Athletes (KIAs). The number of assessment camps varies depending on the nature of the sport and, therefore, assessments are conducted sport-wise rather than State-wise. The NCoEs are equipped with modern sports science facilities to undertake such assessments.
