

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 129
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026

IMPLEMENTATION OF KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN ASSAM

*129. SHRI JOGEN MOHAN:

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

- (a) the number of athletes from Assam who have benefited under the Khelo India Scheme during the last three years;
- (b) the details of scholarships and financial assistance provided to such athletes;
- (c) whether Government proposes to expand Khelo India Centres in rural and tribal areas of the State; and
- (d) the measures taken to identify and nurture sporting talent at the grassroots level?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 129 FOR REPLY ON 30.07.2026 REGARDING KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN ASSAM ASKED BY SHRI JOGEN MOHAN.

(a) The number of Khelo India Athletes supported under Khelo India Scheme from the State of Assam during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Year	No. of Khelo India Athletes
2026-27	51
2025-26	52
2024-25	40
2023-24	39

In addition to above, currently, 3027 athletes in 66 Khelo India Centres and 84 athletes in 01 Khelo India State Centre of Excellence, are benefiting in the State of Assam under the Khelo India Scheme.

(b) Under the Khelo India Scheme, financial support of ₹6.28 lakh per annum including a monthly Out-of-Pocket Allowance (OPA) of ₹10,000 is provided directly to the athlete to manage personal and incidental expenses. The remaining portion of the annual support covers high-quality coaching, specialized diet, lodging, sports equipment, medical insurance, kitting and sports science support.

(c) As per the sanctioned 1250 Khelo India Centres, 1066 Khelo India Centres have been notified in 36 States/UTs, including in rural and tribal areas.

(d) Under the “Talent Identification and Development” sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, identification and nurturing of sporting talent at the grassroots levels is done across the country. In addition, Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organisation under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, implements the various sports promotional schemes across the country, to identify talented sportspersons and nurture them in various age groups.
