

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 133 #
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026

KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN DARBHANGA

*133 # DR. DHARMSHILA GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that despite the presence of an adequate number of sporting talents in Darbhanga and its surrounding districts in Bihar, there is a lack of modern sports infrastructure, multipurpose indoor stadiums, synthetic athletics tracks and training centres of international standards; and
- (b) whether the details of the sports centres currently functioning, the sports disciplines, the coaches and the players benefited under the Khelo India Scheme in Darbhanga district are available and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (B) IN RESPECT OF
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DHARMSHILA GUPTA.**

(a) to (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including development of modern sports infrastructure, multipurpose indoor stadiums, synthetic athletics tracks and training centres of international standards, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only 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 Darbhanga district of the State of Bihar:

- (i) Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports;
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs);
- (iii) Cash Incentives 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;
- (viii) Running Sports Training centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI); and
- (ix) National Centre for Sports Science and Research (NCSSR).

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 various sports facilities under the Khelo India Scheme, such as Sports Infrastructure, Khelo India Centres (KIC), Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) and Khelo India Accredited Academies (KIAA) along with Khelo India Athletes (KIA) and coaches, across the country, including in Darbhanga district of the State of Bihar, are available in the public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in>.
