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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1428 #

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IMPLEMENTATION OF KHELO BHARAT NITI

1428# SHRI BRIJ LAL

SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA

SMT. SEEMA DWIVEDI

SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA

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SHRI RAJESH PARMANAND SHUKLA

SHRI MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK

SHRI MADAN RATHORE

SHRI CHUNNILAL GARASIYA

SHRI UJJWAL DEORAO NIKAM

SHRI SUBHASH BARALA

SHRI BHASHYAM RAMA KRISHNA

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

(a) the progress made in implementing the Khelo Bharat Niti-2025 across States and Union-Territories and the mechanisms established to ensure effective coordination among Central Ministries, State Governments, National-Sports-Federations, educational institutions and other stakeholders;

(b) how Government is leveraging the Khelo Bharat Niti to strengthen India's preparations for 2036 Olympic Games and the measures being taken to build a sustainable pipeline of medal-winning athletes across priority sporting disciplines; and

(c) the number of States and Union-Territories which have formulated, their sports policies in line with the vision and objectives of Khelo Bharat Niti?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (b): Khelo Bharat Niti, 2025 provides a whole-of-Government framework for sports development through convergence among Central Ministries, National Sports Federations (NSFs), educational institutions, the private sector and other stakeholders. The policy is being implemented through the existing schemes of Department of Sports and Sports Authority of India in coordination with recognised NSFs. It provides a structured grassroots-to-elite athlete development pathway to support the aspiration to host the 2036 Olympic Games. The policy focuses on early talent identification, coaching, sports science, sports medicine, quality infrastructure and enhanced competition exposure. Through schemes such as Khelo India, National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs), Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF), the Government is building a sustainable pipeline of athletes across priority sporting disciplines.

(c): The Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 strengthens discipline-wise talent identification, structured training, sports science/medicine support and funding mechanisms in States, building a broad-based athlete pipeline aimed at the 2036 Olympics. Sports policies of individual States and Union Territories have been assessed internally by this Department for alignment. Many of the State's Sports Policy are substantially aligned, and this Department has encouraged other States for aligning their State policy in line with KBN 2025.
