

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1430 #
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KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA

1430 # DR. JYOTI NAGNATH WAGHMARE:

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

- (a) the success achieved under the Khelo India Scheme in providing state-of-the-art sports facilities to the rural and tribal youth of Maharashtra;
- (b) the current status of registration of youth from the State on MY Bharat Portal and their leadership development; and
- (c) the policy for preparing sportspersons from the State for global competitions through the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility for development of sports, including development of sports facilities for rural and tribal youth, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. Under the Khelo India Scheme, financial assistance is provided for creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure, including sports facilities in rural and tribal areas. The Scheme is demand-driven and proposals received from the State/Union Territory Governments and other eligible entities are considered for financial support, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under the Scheme. 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), across the country, including in the State of Maharashtra, are available in the public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in>.

(b) As on date, a total of 14,87,356 youth have registered on the MY Bharat portal in the State of Maharashtra. The portal provides youth with diverse opportunities for leadership development and active participation through various programmes, including 38,718 applications for Volunteer for Bharat opportunities, 24,361 applications for Experiential Learning Programmes (ELPs), participation of 4,29,298 youth in quizzes and 10,980 essay submissions from the State.

(c) This Ministry implements the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and the Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF) Scheme for preparation of athletes from all States/UTs, based on merit, performance and medal potential. Under TOPS, eligible athletes, irrespective of their State/UT, are provided customised support for training and competition, international exposure, engagement of coaches and support personnel, sports science and sports medicine support, specialised equipment and

athlete-specific Annual Training and Competition Plans (ATPs), with the objective of enhancing performance at the Olympic, Paralympic and other major international sporting events.
