

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1436
ANSWERED ON- 30/07/2026

KHELO INDIA SCHEME

1436. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that under the Khelo India Scheme, 2,905 athletes across 22 sports receive financial assistance of INR 6,28,400 along with coaching, sports science support and training through 322 accredited Khelo India Academies;
- (b) whether there is no publicly available framework that tracks their progression to national camps, international competitions, medal performance or long-term retention in elite sport; and
- (c) if so, how the Ministry evaluates whether these investments are translating into sustained international sporting success and whether it would establish a transparent athlete lifecycle tracking system with measurable outcome indicators?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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(a) At present, a total of 2,786 identified Khelo India Athletes are being supported under the Khelo India Scheme across 22 sports disciplines and undergoing structured training across 364 Khelo India Accredited Academies (KIAAs), Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCEs), and SAI National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs). The identified Khelo India Athletes are provided financial assistance of ₹6,28,400 per annum, along with coaching, training, sports science support and other allied facilities.

(b) The progress of athletes is periodically assessed through structured physical and sports science evaluations conducted during assessment camps. Their performance is evaluated against objective benchmarks prescribed by the Talent Identification and Development Committee (TIDC), which form the basis for decisions regarding their selection, retention or discontinuation under the Scheme. Further, this Ministry has operationalised an end-to-end digital Management Information System (MIS), namely the National Sports Repository System (NSRS), which serves as a centralised digital database and provides a unique Athlete ID to every registered sportsperson.

(c) Promising grassroots athletes scouted at Khelo India Centres (KICs) and Khelo India Accredited Academies (KIAAs) are systematically upgraded to High-Performance Schemes such as SAI National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) and the elite Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) development roster as per protocols and benchmarks approved and monitored by the Talent Identification Development Committee which are based on the performances in various Tournaments/competitions. Outcome metrics are directly validated by the increasing share of Khelo India Athletes representing the country at international platforms.
