

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2227
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026

KHELO BHARAT NITI

2227. SHRI MADAN RATHORE:

SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

DR. SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

SHRI RAJESH PARMANAND SHUKLA:

SMT. SADHNA SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government has implemented the Khelo Bharat Niti, 2025 across States and Union-Territories and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of measures taken to strengthen grassroots sports infrastructure, talent identification, sports science, coaching and athlete development under the Khelo Bharat Niti, including the status of Khelo India Centres across the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has introduced mechanisms to encourage greater participation of private sector through Public-Private-Partnerships (PPPs), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), sports entrepreneurship and startups for strengthening sports ecosystem and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the targets and outcomes envisaged under the Niti, particularly with regard to India's preparations for 2036 Olympic Games and making India a global sporting powerhouse?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a): Yes. The Khelo Bharat Niti (KBN) 2025 aims at building a strong, inclusive, and performance-driven sports ecosystem in India. The Union Government, implements the KBN 2025, through its ongoing schemes and programmes, which operate within defined guidelines and reporting frameworks. The policy is being implemented through the existing schemes of Department of Sports and Sports Authority of India in coordination with recognized National Sports Federations.

(b): Khelo Bharat Niti, (KBN) 2025 provides a whole-of-Government framework for sports development through convergence among Central Ministries, National Sports Federations, educational institutions, the private sector and other stakeholders. Grassroot training is delivered through 1,066 KICs nationwide. Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF), this Department provides financial support to recognised National Sports Federations (NSFs) for grassroots development, talent identification, sports science, coaching and athlete development to enhance India's performance at sporting events. To enhance sports science and coaching standards, each Khelo India Athlete receives an annual support package of ₹6.28 lakh covering coaching, sports science, equipment, boarding, insurance and a monthly Out-of-Pocket Allowance of ₹10,000.

(c): The Government encourages greater participation of the private sector in strengthening the sports ecosystem through initiatives such as Khelo India Accredited Academies and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). As per the Office Memorandum dated 18.06.2026 issued by the Department of Public Enterprises, Government of India, 'Development of Sporting Activities' has been identified as a common CSR theme for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).

(d): Khelo Bharat Niti (KBN) 2025 aims to transform India into a global sporting powerhouse by strengthening grassroots talent identification, sports infrastructure, athlete support and governance, with a view to improving India's performance at the Olympic, Paralympic, Asian and Commonwealth Games and supporting preparations for the 2036 Olympic Games. KBN Strengthens discipline-wise talent identification, structured training, sports science/medicine support and funding mechanisms in States, building a broad-based athlete pipeline.
