

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *247
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018**

Career in Sports

***247. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:**

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

- (a) whether the schools and colleges provides appropriate/adequate opportunities to children interested in pursuing their career in sports;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether India spends only 3 paise per capita per day on sports and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government currently has any programme to encourage children and youth to participate in sports, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether the Government has adequate facilities in the country to provide training to children and youth in sport and if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to help people to have better/greater access to sports facilities?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)}**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *247 FOR 04.01.2018 ASKED BY SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK AND SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, MPS, REGARDING CAREER IN SPORTS

(a) & (b) Schools and colleges in the country come under the Subject of Education and are geared primarily towards academic education. Therefore, many of them are not equipped to provide appropriate/adequate opportunities to children to pursue Sports as a career. However, this Ministry has academic institutes for training in sports coaching and physical education. It is also setting up a National Sports University in Manipur to provide opportunities to children to pursue a career in Sports.

(c) The total outlay of the Department of Sports of this Ministry during the year 2017-18 is Rs.1393.21 crores. As per figures of The Census 2011, the population of India is 121 crores. Thus, per capita per day spend of the outlay of the Department of Sports of this Ministry alone is around 3 paise.

Sports being a State subject, State Governments are primarily responsible for development of Sports and have their own budget for purpose. The role of the Central Government is to only supplement/complement the efforts of the States in this regard. Apart from the Central and State Governments, many non-Governmental organizations are also involved in development of Sports in the country.

Besides, training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, Paralympic sports and Olympic sports is one of the Activities which may be included by companies in their Corporate Social Responsibility Policies as per Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013. Since the entries in the said Schedule VII are to be interpreted liberally so as to capture the essence of the subjects enumerated in the said Schedule, the items enlisted in the Schedule VII of the Act, are broad-based and are intended to cover a wide range of activities, including other sporting activities. Therefore, the actual per capita per day spend of India on sports is certainly higher than 3 paise at present.

(d) The Ministry is implementing a number of sports promotional schemes for promotion and development of sports in the country. The Khelo India Scheme being implemented by this Ministry aims to infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence in the country by encouraging sports for all, thus allowing the population across gender and all age groups to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children and youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development through its twelve verticals. A brief on the Scheme, delineating its salient features, is given in Annexure – I.

National Sports Federations (NSFs) are responsible for promotion and development of their respective discipline of sports. Under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, Government provides financial assistance for participation of sports persons / teams in international sports events abroad, training/coaching of sports persons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and consumables etc.

School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) have been recognized by the Government of India as National Sports Federation and National Sports Promotion Organization (NSPO), respectively and are eligible for the financial assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. SGFI and AIU are involved in promotion and development of sports and games in schools and colleges/universities respectively.

Government has also recognized Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society and Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society as NSPOs for promotion of the sport of hockey and football at school level. Financial assistance, at par with the NSFs, is given to them for organising the championships at school level.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under this Ministry, is also implementing a number of sports

promotional Schemes throughout the country to promote sports among the youth in various sports disciplines, and identify and nurture sports talent in identified sports discipline. Talented sports persons in the age group of 8 to 25 years of age are selected through scheme selection criteria under these schemes. The sports promotional Scheme of SAI are as under :

- **National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)**
- **Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)**
- **SAI Training Centre (STC)**
- **Special Area Games (SAG)**
- **Extension Centre of STC/SAG**
- **Centre of Excellence (COE)**
- **National Sports Academies (NSA)**

(e) Though development of sports, including creation of sports training facilities, is primarily the responsibility of State Governments, this Ministry has been implementing various sports promotional schemes for creation of sports infrastructure in the country. The Department has sanctioned a total of 127 sports infrastructure projects, comprising Multipurpose Indoor Halls, Synthetic Athletic Tracks, Synthetic turf for Football and Hockey, Swimming pools, in States/UTs (till 22.12.2017) under its sports promotional schemes, out of which a total of 89 projects were sanctioned during the last three years and current year(till 22.12.2017).

SAI has also established 10 Regional Centres and 2 educational institutions to implement its sports promotional schemes in the country through 303 SAI sports centres. Presently, 14505 talented sports persons (10195 boys and 4310 girls) are being trained in these centres on residential and non-residential basis.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA
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Annexure-I

A BRIEF ON THE REVAMPED KHELO INDIA SCHEME

Vision

To infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence in the country.

Mission

To encourage sports for all thus allowing the population across gender and all age groups to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development.

The Khelo India Scheme would include the following components/ objectives:-

- i. Play Field Development
- ii. Community Coaching Development
- iii. State Level Khelo India Centres
- iv. Annual Sports Competitions
- v. Talent Search and Development
- vi. Utilisation and Creation/ Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure
- vii. Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies
- viii. Physical Fitness of School going Children
- ix. Sports for Women
- x. Promotion of Sports among persons with disabilities
- xi. Sports for Peace and Development
- xii. Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games

Financial Implications

Rs.1756 crore is the estimated expenditure to be incurred during the period from 2017-18 to 2019-20.
