

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1148  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018**

**Sports Complex in Rural Areas**

**†1148. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has established integrated sports complex in rural blocks of Narmada and Bharuch districts of Gujarat under any sports scheme;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof, block-wise; and**

**(c) the details of the work done by the Government towards conducting sports tournaments in rural blocks of the said districts during the last two years?**

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

**(a) & (b) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has not established any integrated sports complex in rural blocks of Narmada and Bharuch districts of Gujarat under any of the sports schemes being implemented by it.**

**(c) During the financial year 2015-16, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports was implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA). The Scheme, inter-alia provided conduct of sports competitions from block level to National level.**

**Under this Scheme, block level competitions were conducted by the State Government of Gujarat in 9 blocks of Bharuch District in four sports disciplines, namely Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volley Ball and Athletics and 5 blocks of Narmada District in five sports disciplines, namely, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Athletics and Chess.**

**During the financial year 2016-17, the RGKA Scheme was subsumed in a new Scheme called “Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports”. This Scheme provided for conducting sports competitions in two age groups of (i) under 14 and (ii) under 17 all over India, including Gujarat, to encourage mass participation. However, this Scheme provided for conduct of competitions at District, State and National levels only.**

**The Khelo India Scheme has been revamped in the current financial year 2017-18. The revamped Khelo India Scheme, inter-alia, has a component of Annual Sports Competitions under which National level competitions, viz, Khelo India National School Games and Khelo India National University Games, are to be conducted in respect of high priority/priority sports disciplines. State/UT Governments will be encouraged to conduct lower level competitions in sports disciplines identified by the Central Government, on their own by associating District and State level Associations/Federations of various sports disciplines.**

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