

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2086
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

Policy on Youth Affairs and Sports

2086. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy on youth affairs and sports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any policy/scheme for the character development of the young students in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the 'Khelo India' scheme has been expanded to cover the rural areas also to encourage/promote sports and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[Col. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has formulated National Youth Policy as well as National Sports Policy. The National Youth Policy (NYP-2014) aims "To empower youth of the county to achieve their full potential, and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of Nations". The National Youth Policy has identified 5 Objectives which need to be pursued, the priority areas under each of the Objectives and suggested Policy interventions under each of these Priority Areas are as follows:

Objectives	Priority Areas
1. Create a productive workforce that can make sustainable contribution to India's economic development	1. Education 2. Employment and Skill Development 3. Entrepreneurship

2. Development a strong and healthy generation equipped to take on future challenges	4. Health and healthy lifestyle 5. Sports
3. Instill Social values and promote community service to build national ownership	6. Promotion of social values 7. Community engagement
4. Facilitate participation and civic engagement at all levels of governance	8. Participation in politics and governance 9. Youth engagement
5. Support youth at risk and create equitable opportunity for all disadvantaged and marginalized youth.	10. Inclusion 11. Social Justice

National Sports Policy, 1984 was the first move towards developing an organized and systematic framework for the development and promotion of sports in the country, and the precursor of the present National Sports Policy, 2001.

Salient Features/ Components of National Sports Policy, 2001

- Broad basing of sports and achievement of excellence
- Up-gradation and development of infrastructure
- Support to National Sports Federations and other sports bodies
- Strengthening of scientific and coaching support to sports
- Special incentives to promote sports
- Enhanced participation of women, scheduled tribes and rural youth
- Involvement of corporate sector in sports promotion and
- Promote sports mindedness among the public at large

(c) & (d): The National Youth Policy, 2014, inter-alia, lays strong emphasis on development of character and instil social values and promotion of community service among youth.

(e) A Scheme called “Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports” was formulated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to promote sports through creation of sports infrastructure and conduct of annual sports competitions in the entire country, and implemented from the financial year 2016-17. The earlier Khelo India Scheme, has been revised and revamped during the current financial year 2017-18. The revamped Scheme, through its twelve verticals, aims to encourage/promote sports by creating an eco-system of sports in the country including rural areas. Salient features of the Scheme are given in Annexure – I.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2086 FOR 08.03.2018 BY SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP AND DR. MANOJ RAJORIA REGARDING POLICY ON YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

Salient features of the 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 includes 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
