

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4434
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018**

Development of Sports

4434. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop any new sports facilities/ infrastructure /University in various districts of Punjab along with training of medical staff engaged in sports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has collaborated with various countries and universities to increase the research and development in sports science in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(d) whether the Government has created any special facilities for physically challenged athletes for their training and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Ministry is implementing the Khelo India Scheme which, inter-alia, provide for development of sports facilities and infrastructure in the

entire country, including Punjab. Salient features of the Scheme, having twelve verticals, are given in Annexure – I.

In addition, National Centre of Sports Science and Research (NCSSR) is to be established in the Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports (NSNIS), Patiala (an existing institution of sports coach education, sports sciences, sports medicine and athlete training under the Sports Authority of India.) A sum of Rs. 5 crore has already been released by the Ministry for the purpose of creation of infrastructure and procurement of equipment. Besides, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar has been selected as one of the Universities for creation of Sports Science department therein and a sum of Rs. 1.80 crore has been released. This University proposes to conduct the following courses from July, 2018:

- (i) Certificate Programme in Sports Anthropometry;**
- (ii) M.Sc in Sports Bio-Chemistry;**
- (iii) M.Sc in sports Nutrition;**
- (iv) M.Sc. in sports Physiology;**
- (v) M.Sc. in Sports Psychology;**
- (vi) Masters in Sports Physiotherapy.**

The NSNIS, inter-alia, also conducts short and long term academic courses in sports coaching, sports sciences and other related fields, including Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Medicine, and provides scientific back up to the elite sportspersons for achievements of high level performance.

A National Centre for Sports Coaching (NCSC) will also be established in the NSNIS, Patiala to enhance sports coaching, education in the country and also to create coaching development framework of the country and to conduct the research in technical, tactical and skill development aspect of coaching and training of athletes, A sum of Rs. 2 crore has been released for the purpose so far.

(b) & (c) The Ministry and its organizations have been collaborating with various other countries and foreign universities, prominent among them being Australia, Japan, etc., and Universities such as University of Canberra and Victoria University, Australia, Nippon Sports Science

University and University of Tsukuba, Japan, Birmingham University, United Kingdom, etc., with various objectives relating to development of Sports, including research and development in sports and sports science. The efforts are largely collaborative in nature on exchange basis, without any specific budget allocation.

(d) While many of the facilities of the organizations under this Ministry are disabled-friendly and efforts are on to make more of them suitable for persons with disabilities, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, has established an exclusive SAI Training Centre at SAI Regional Centre, Gandhinagar (Gujarat) in the discipline of Athletics, Swimming & Power Lifting. In order to meet the special needs of Para Athletes the sports infrastructure available at SAI Regional Centre, Gandhinagar has been upgraded so that regular training to the physically challenged athletes (Para Athlete) could be imparted. Further upgradation of the Centre is being undertaken with a total estimated cost of Rs.50 crore out of which Rs.20 crore is being provided by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4434 FOR 22.03.2018 ASKED BY SHRI
RAVNEET SINGH, MP, REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS**

Annexure – I

Salient feature 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 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

The various components are briefly explained in succeeding paragraphs.

1. Play Field Development : A National inventory of playfields and sports infrastructure will be prepared on a Geographic Information System (GIS) platform for their optimum utilisation. In order to put in place a strong institutionalized mechanism for preserving, protecting, developing and promoting playfields, State and district playfield Associations will be created in all States/UTs on the lines of National Playfield Association of India (NPFAI). District and State level Associations will register existing play areas, map them on the GIS platform and affiliate with the National Playing Fields Association (NPFAI) through district and State associations, thereby creating a National database. Development of playgrounds in all gram

panchayats can be taken up in convergence with the scheme of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and any other scheme(s) of the State Government/Central Government. It would also include development of model playfields on pilot basis.

2. Community Coaching Development : A cascading model of Community Coach Development will be adopted for development of community coaches across the country. This will involve skill development and certification system. A short term community coaching development programme will be evolved and identified Physical Education Teachers (PETs) nominated by States/UTs will be trained as master trainers or coach developers. Such Master Trainers will, in turn, train other PETs/Volunteers in their respective States/UTs as community coaches and develop teams at community level. Online courses for community coach development will also be developed at primary and advanced levels.

3. State Level Khelo India Centres : A large number of sports infrastructure set up throughout the country are not being utilised optimally due to lack of coaches/part-time coaches, support staff such as physiotherapists and masseurs, equipment, proper field of play, consumables, day boarding facilities, etc., as well as lack of adequate financial support for meeting recurring expenditure. Accordingly, it is proposed to support better utilization of sports infrastructure belonging to States/UTs through suitable Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and provide support for engagement of coaches, providing day-boarding facilities as per the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Scheme.

4. Annual Sports Competitions : Khelo India will be the basic platform to showcase sporting skills and accordingly become a platform for talent spotting at the national level and providing development pathways for gifted and talented children to achieve excellence. The Central Government will organize the following National level competitions, i.e., Khelo India National School Games and Khelo India National University Games, in respect of priority sports disciplines at various places across the country by associating concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs) and School Game Federation of India (SGFI) and University Sports promotion bodies including Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

5. Talent Identification and Development : The National competitions involving schools, colleges, Universities and NSFs under Khelo India Scheme, National Championships, and National Sports Talent Search Portal of SAI, will provide a platform for identification of talented sports persons in priority Sports disciplines in which the country has potential/advantage. In addition to selection of prize winners, the duly constituted talent identification committee may also adopt globally accepted scientific methods to spot and identify talent in various sports disciplines. Identification of sporting talent will involve conduct of pan-India trials of children by Talent Scouts (to be engaged for the purpose), in association with States/UTs.

6. Utilization and Creation of Sports Infrastructure

Majority of the schools, colleges and even Universities lack proper play grounds as well as sporting infrastructure in the country. Efforts will be made to utilize the existing available sports infrastructure through a system of active management committee consisting of players and members of neighborhood community as well all over the country especially those under the control of Central Government/State Governments. A suitable mechanism will be evolved to identify gaps in availability of sporting infrastructure across the country and fill these gaps with support under Khelo India. Scheme of Khelo India will also be converged with Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) Scheme. The States may also provide for convergence of Member of Legislative Assembly Local Area Development (MLALAD) Scheme with Khelo India Scheme. This Component will have the following two sub components :

- i. University Centre of Excellence Programme: For setting up centers of sporting excellence in selected Universities.
- ii. Creation of Appropriate Sports Infrastructure: Under this component, grants-in-aid will be provided to States/ UTs, SAI etc. to develop critical sports infrastructure and other infrastructure where there are gaps.

7. Support to National/ Regional/State Sports Academies : The sports talents identified under the Scheme will be given the option to join SAI National Sports Academies, State Sports Academies and Sports Schools or Sports Academies established by private sector. Grants-in-aid will be provided for establishment, operation and maintenance of sports academies in respect of identified disciplines to Sports Authority of India, State Governments or to private sector or sports person under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for facilitating and supplementing Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) programme (for 8 years). At least one academy for Para Athletes will be supported.

8. Physical Fitness : An effort will be made to implement a component of physical fitness across all schools in India under Khelo India. National Physical Fitness parameters will be evolved region- wise and a tool kit will be provided to each school to evaluate physical fitness of all school going children throughout the country, in all States/UTs. A mechanism will be evolved to perform an advisory role for integration of Sports and physical education. Sports will be integrated with School education by making it a compulsory subject for which marks will be awarded. This will be done in conjunction with the Department of School Education & Literacy.

9. Sports for Women : While all the components of the Khelo India Scheme are gender neutral and afford opportunities to women too for participating in sporting activities and development of sports, it is proposed to hold annual national competitions for women. Emphasis will be laid on such sports disciplines where there is less participation of women so that more number of women will participate in such sports disciplines.

10. Sports for Peace & Development : The Government of India, under the Special Package for J&K is providing funds to the tune of Rs.200 crore for enhancement of sports

facilities in the State. To ensure optimal utilization of these infrastructure, soft support in terms of coaches, equipment, consumables, technical support, competition etc. will be provided. Efforts will be made to organize block level competitions in respect of sports disciplines popular in the State of J&K for positive engagement of youth. Similar efforts will also be made in case of other extremism and terrorism affected and other disturbed areas.

11. Promotion of sports among persons with disabilities :Financial assistance will be provided to States/UTs and SAI for creation of specialist sports infrastructure for persons with disabilities. Funds required for making stadia disabled friendly / barrier free will be accessed from Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The funds provided under this head will be used for classification of players, equipment, training and preparation of teams for Paralympic Games and disciplines and competitions.

12. Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games :In order to showcase our rural and indigenous/tribal games, annual competitions will be held annually under the Khelo India Scheme in rural and indigenous/tribal games alternately. A dynamic and interactive website providing information on such games will also be put up. This will not only help disseminate information and pique the curiosity of the present generation about these games but also encourage children and youth to take up these games in a major way, paving way for their future mainstreaming.

Financial Implications

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