

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1388
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018**

Promotion of Sports in Rural Areas

†1388. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate any special fund for the promotion of sports in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any demands for funds from various States have been received by the Union Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken thereon by the Union Government; and

(e) the details of funds allocated to various States in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Khelo India Scheme has a dedicated vertical, namely, "Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games". The indicative, estimated expenditure for this vertical for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 is Rs.15 crore each year. The Salient features of the vertical are given in Annexure – I.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, is implementing a number of sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions. The details of the SAI Schemes are given at Annexure – II.

Many of the sports persons identified under SAI Sports Promotional Schemes belong to the rural areas of the country and are provided with training facilities in the form of expert sports coaches, requisite playing facilities, boarding & lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/insurance and stipend as per the scheme approved norms.

(c) to (e) Demands for funds are received from States for funding projects under various schemes of this Ministry. Proposals, as and when received from States/UTs under various schemes, if complete in all respects and technically feasible, are being sanctioned subject to availability of funds.

State-wise fund allocation is not made by this Ministry in the budget estimates. The details of State/UT-wise fund released under major Schemes of this Ministry for development of Sports in the States/UTs during the last three year and current year, position as on 30.06.2018, is given at Annexure – III.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE
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SPORTS IN RURAL AREAS**

Annexure – I

Salient features of Khelo India vertical “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.

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Annexure – II

Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI are given as under :

- **National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)** : National Sports Talent Contest, (NSTC) Scheme is being implemented to scout sports talent in the age group of **8-14** years from schools and nurture them into future medal hopes by providing scientific training.
 - a. **Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (Sub-Scheme of NSTC)** : This scheme aims to promote indigenous games & martial arts in the schools in rural and semi-urban areas and scouting of talent in these games for nurturing in modern sports.
 - b. **Adoption of Akharas under NSTC Scheme** : Wrestling has been a traditional indigenous sport in the country and mostly played at village level. In order to create a broader base for modern wrestling, Akharas are being adopted under this Scheme.
- **Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)** : This is a collaborative venture of SAI with the Indian Army, The main objective of the Scheme is to make use of the good infrastructure and disciplined environment of the Army for training boys in the age group of **8-14** years of age, to achieve excellence in sports. After attaining the required age of seventeen and a half years, the trainees are also offered placement in the Army.
- **SAI Training Centre (STC)** : In order to groom the junior level sports persons in the age group of **12-18** years, SAI Training Centres (STC) are established in a State where the sports infrastructure is provided by the respective State Governments.
- **Special Area Games (SAG)** : Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme aims at scouting natural talent for modern competitive sports and games from inaccessible tribal, rural and coastal areas of the country and nurturing them scientifically for achieving excellence in sports. Trainees in the age group of **10-18** years are selected in this scheme.
- **Extension Centre of STC/SAG** : The extension centres of STC/SAG centres Scheme was started to cover schools and colleges for wider coverage, with a view to develop sports standards in schools and colleges having requisite basic sports infrastructure and had shown good results in sports. Trainees in the age group of **10-18** years are selected under Non-Residential basis for regular training.
- **Centre of Excellence (COE)** : The scheme envisaged induction of sportspersons, who had performed well at Sr. National Competitions, for further advance scientific training at the Regional Centres of SAI. These Centres of Excellence operate as regular coaching camps for the best available talent in India in the respective sports discipline in the age group of **12-25** years.
- **National Sports Academies (NSA)** : The National Sports Academies (NSA) Scheme aims to promote sports on single discipline basis in collaboration with the National Sports Federations to attract sports talent in the respective sports discipline in the age group of **12-25** years.

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Annexure – III

State/UT-wise fund released under Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS), Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), Khelo India and Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) in Jammu & Kashmir during the last three year and current year, position as on 30.06.2018

(Rs. in crore)

S. No	Name of the State/ UT	2015-16 (USIS)	2015-16 (RGKA)	2016-17 (Khelo India)	2017-18 (Khelo India)	2018-19 (Khelo India)
1	Andhra Pradesh	6.90	4.01	8.98	4.00	-
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	3.16	15.25	9.00
3	Assam	7.40	-	6.12	15.20	-
4	Bihar	-	-	0.36	-	-
5	Chhattisgarh	-	-	1.52	2.50	-
6	Goa	-	-	4.96	0.12	-
7	Gujarat	-	-	0.15	5.50	-
8	Haryana	-	-	2.00	12.80	-
9	Himachal Pradesh	3.00	0.72	0.53	-	-
10	Jammu & Kashmir	-	0.37	7.87	5.31	-
11	Jharkhand	-	-	2.56	1.07	-
12	Karnataka	-	1.72	12.16	12.5	-
13	Kerala	6.42	-	3.70	3.00	-
14	Madhya Pradesh	-	0.42	6.88	10.50	1.19
15	Maharashtra	2.50	-	4.00	7.00	-
16	Manipur	2.40	1.43	-	5.29	-
17	Meghalaya	1.80	-	-	-	-
18	Mizoram	2.40	0.31	2.42	4.30	-
19	Nagaland	-	-	0.45	2.00	-
20	Odisha	4.30	3.90	3.20	11.56	-
21	Punjab	0.98	1.52	6.34	6.00	-
22	Rajasthan	5.40	3.17	8.73	36.39	-
23	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-
24	Telangana	-	0.59	3.65	6.50	-
25	Tamil Nadu	6.30	0.75	4.08	7.00	-
26	Tripura	-	1.78	0.37	2.50	-
27	Uttarakhand	5.60	1.21	5.51	9.40	-
28	Uttar Pradesh	2.00	-	1.50	15.00	-
29	West Bengal	2.50	-	2.58	6.50	-
	Uts					
30	A & N Islands	-	-	-	-	-
31	Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	-
32	Daman & Diu	-	-	-	-	-
33	Delhi	-	-	-	13.00	-
34	Lakshadweep	-	-	0.07	-	-
35	Puducherry	-	-	4.63	-	-
	Total	59.90	21.90	108.48	220.19	10.19

PMDP Projects for enhancement of sports infrastructure facilities in Jammu & Kashmir: Rs.55.00 crore and Rs.40.00 crore released to SAI during the years 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively for enhancement of sports infrastructure facilities in Jammu & Kashmir. In-turn SAI has released Rs.30 crore and Rs.14.94 crore to Jammu & Kashmir State Sports Council during the years 2015-16 and 2017-18 respectively.