

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3739
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018**

Modern Infrastructure for Sports

3739. SHRI JHINA HIKAKA:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide modern infrastructure for sports in tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated to Odisha for organising the Hockey World Cup-2018 scheduled to be held in the State; and

(d) the other measures being taken by the Government to rejuvenate sports in the country?

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

(a) & (b) Sports is a State subject and development of Sports, including providing modern infrastructure, is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government complements/supplements the efforts of the States in this regard. This Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme, namely, Khelo India which has a dedicated vertical “Utilisation and Creation/ Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure” for creation of sports infrastructure in the entire country including tribal areas. The salient features of the vertical are given at Annexure – I.

(c) This Ministry has not allocated any fund to Odisha for organising Hockey World Cup-2018.

(d) Some of the major Schemes being implemented by this Ministry which aim at broadbasing of sports and achieving excellence in sports are given at Annexure – II.

In addition, in order to promote sports among the youth across the country, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing various Sports Promotional Schemes 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 SAI Schemes are given at Annexure – III.

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Annexure – I

**Salient feature of Khelo India vertical “Utilisation and Creation/ Upgradation 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.

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Annexure – II

Sports promotional Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

- i. **Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports** : This Scheme was formulated by the Ministry 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 & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development through its twelve verticals.
- ii. **Scheme for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)** : Under this Scheme, the Government provides assistances to NSFs for conducting National Championships and International tournaments in India, participation of national teams in International tournaments in India and abroad, organizing National coaching camps, procuring sports equipment, engagement of foreign coaches, etc.
- iii. **National Sports Development Fund(NSDF)**: This Fund was established by the Central Government in 1998, under Charitable Endowments Act 1890, with a view to mobilizing resources from the Government as well as non-governmental sources, including the private/corporate sector and non-resident Indians, for promotion of sports and games in the country. Financial assistance is provided from the Fund to outstanding sportspersons, Sports Federations and other organizations. Special stress is being given to support the sportspersons who have been selected under a programme namely, TOP (Target Olympic Podium) Scheme, specifically devised to train medal prospects for future Olympics.
- iv. **Himalayan Region Games (HRG)** :Himalayan Region Games are being planned which will include indigenous games of North Eastern States in addition to popular games.
- v. **Prime Minister's Development Package in Jammu & Kashmir**: To enhance sports facilities in J&K, this Ministry is implementing Prime Minister's Development Package with an estimated cost of Rs.200 crore.

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Annexure – III

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.
