

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2688
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018**

Sports Culture

†2688. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

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

(a) whether absence of sports culture is one of the major reasons for miserable condition of sports and games in the country; and

(b) if so, the measures undertaken by the Government to change the attitude of the guardians and the society towards the sports and games 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 promotion and development of sports including development of sports culture is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government complements / supplements the efforts of the State Governments.

This Ministry is implementing the Khelo India Scheme which aims 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. A strong competition structure has been created under the 'Khelo India' programme to provide platform for the sportspersons to showcase their talents. Salient features of the Khelo India Scheme are given at Annexure.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE
LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2688 FOR 27.12.2018 ASKED
BY SHRI GOPAL SHETTY, MP, REGARDING SPORTS CULTURE**

Annexure

Salient features of the Khelo India Scheme

Vision

To infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence in the country.

Mission

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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

Financial Implications

The scheme has been approved for implementation at a total cost of Rs.1756 crore for three years starting from 2017-18.
