

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.613
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018**

Promotion of Sports

613. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

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

(a) whether the Government has any programme to support students of economically weaker backgrounds for taking up sports and represent India at international events;

(b) whether sports is being encouraged at school level in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up sports complex and sporting hubs in the State of Andhra Pradesh for promotion of Olympic Sports and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) through Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been implementing various sports promotional schemes to tap sports talents throughout the country irrespective of their financial status. Under the Schemes – SAI Training Centres (STC), Special Area Games (SAG) sports talents belong to rural, tribal, coastal, hilly and backward areas of the country are selected. The selected trainees are provided

financial support in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/ insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

(b) This Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme, namely Khelo India which has twelve verticals which cater to the entire population including sports talent from the school level. The scheme has a dedicated vertical 'Annual Sports Competitions' under which annual sports competitions are being conducted to provide basic platform for sports talents including those from school level to showcase sporting skills and accordingly become a platform for talent spotting at the national level and providing development pathways to achieve excellence.

The Khelo India vertical 'Talent Identification and Development' provides for financial assistance to identified talented players at various levels through different avenues and annual financial assistance, at the rate of Rs.5.00 lakh per annum, for a period of 8 years under a Long Term Athlete Development Programme is provided. Many of the identified talented players are from school level.

(c) No, Madam.
