

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4304
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019**

Programme for Development of Sports

4304. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

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

(a) the salient features of the National Programme for Development of Sports launched by the Government and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(b) the universities that have been selected under the programme as hubs of sporting excellence, State/UT-wise, including the criteria for selection;

(c) the steps being taken under the programme to cover 200 million children under a physical fitness drive;

(d) whether any athlete has been awarded scholarship under the programme during the current year and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken under the programme to create an active population with a healthy lifestyle?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) The salient features of the Khelo India Scheme under the National Program for Development of Sports is given in Annexure -1. The Scheme with its 12 verticals is being implemented across the country w.e.f 2017-18.

(b) The Scheme is demand driven and projects are sanctioned based on complete proposals received under the Scheme from eligible entities. So far no University has been selected for creation of hubs of excellence. Details of sports infrastructure sanctioned to Universities under Khelo India scheme is at Annexure II.

(c) A Khelo India Mobile Application has been launched. This app includes a module for mapping the fitness parameters of the young school going population of the country. Under Physical Fitness of School Going Children component of the Scheme, 1168 Schools and 23,947 assessors are Registered. For physical fitness assessment, 2,70,821 student profiles have been created in the Khelo India Mobile app, out of which 92,583 number of assessments have been made.

(d) A total of 2433 sportspersons are receiving benefits under the Talent Search and Development vertical of the Khelo India Scheme during the current year.

(e) The Khelo India Scheme, with its 12 verticals, aims to infuse sports culture in public at large to lead to an active population with healthy lifestyle.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4304 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019 REGARDING “PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS” ASKED BY DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREM JIBHAI SOLANKI, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA

Annexure - 1

BRIEF ON VERTICALS OF KHELO INDIA SCHEME

- a) **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 (NPF AI). District and State Level Associations will register existing play areas, map them on the GIS platform and affiliate with the National Playing Fields Association (NPF AI) 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.
- b) **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.
- c) **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, supports 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.
- d) **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 school and college level National level competitions 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).

- e) **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.

f) **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.

g) **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.

h) **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.

i) **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.

j) **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.

k) **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.

l) **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

Information regarding Projects sanctioned in Universities under Khelo India Scheme

Sl. No.	Name of grantee	Name of the Project	Approved Estimated cost (in Rs.)
1.	Swarnim Gujarat Sports University Valavav, District Vadodara, Gujarat	Construction of multi-purpose indoor hall	8,00,00,000
		Construction of Swimming Pool	5,00,00,000
2.	Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agriculture University, Hisar	Replacement of Synthetic Athletic Track	4,65,00,000
		Construction of Multi-purpose Indoor Hall	8,00,00,000
3.	Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, Pulwama	Construction of Synthetic athletic track	6,09,00,000
4.	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Madhya Pradesh	construction of swimming pool	4,95,00,000
