

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5395
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019**

Awards / Incentives to Sportspersons

5395. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA :

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

(a) whether the Government has fulfilled its commitment to the sportspersons by giving awards and incentives as per policies and announcements during the last two years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Khelo India programme has been as successful as was envisaged and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the details of men and women participated and awarded under the 'Khelo India' youth games during the last three years; and

(c) whether any player / players were not able to attend international sporting events abroad due to lack of air tickets or delay in confirmation of air tickets during last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[KIREN RIJIJU]**

(a) Yes Sir, the implementation of the Scheme of Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events is a continuous process.

Information relating to disbursement of cash award to athletes and coaches in the last two years is at Annexure-I. Under Talent Search & Development vertical of Khelo India Scheme 2433 athletes are being supported with financial assistance @ Rs. 5 lakhs per annum.

(b) Yes Sir, the Khelo India Scheme has helped in creating sports ecosystem with the twin objective of mass participation and promotion of excellence. The salient outcomes of Khelo India Scheme is at Annexre-II.

(c) No sir, while there has been no incidence where players were not able to attend international sporting events abroad due to lack of air tickets or delay in confirmation of air tickets during last three years, India's archery athletes could not take part in Archery World Cup (Stage 1) held from 22-28 April 2019 at Medellin (Colombia) due to sudden change in the departure time of KLM flight from New Delhi leading to non-availability of connecting flight from Amsterdam to enable athletes to reach the destination in time.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5395 to be answered on 25.07.2019 regarding 'Awards / incentives to sportspersons' asked by SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA

Year	Number of sportspersons / coaches	Amount of cash award disbursed (in Rs.)
2017-18	489	11.60 crore
2018-19	756	69.20 crore

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5395 to be answered on 25.07.2019 regarding 'Awards / incentives to sportspersons' asked by SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA

Details of participants in two editions of Khelo India Games are as under :

S. No.	Name of the Annual Sports competition under Khelo India	Number of participants	Number of athletes from these Games included in Talent Search & Development Programme
1.	Khelo India School Games, New Delhi 2018	3507 athletes (1814 Boys and 1693 Girls)	563
2.	Khelo India Youth Games, Pune 2019	5925 athletes (3077 Boys and 2848 Girls)	512

99 Academies have been accredited for the training of Khelo India athletes.

Khelo India Mobile application has been launched on 27.02.2019 to enable the general public to get information and ease of access to various aspects, be it the basics of the game (How to Play), to available playfields across India (Where to Play) or mapping the fitness parameters of the young school going population of the country.
