

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1137
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2022**

Schemes for the Welfare of Sportspersons

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

(a) the names of schemes implemented by the Government for the welfare of sportspersons of national and international level;

(b) the names of schemes being implemented by the Government to promote sports in the tribal area along with the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government to promote the traditional tribal sports in tribal areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which it is likely to be started; and

(d) the names of schemes implemented for the welfare of sportspersons of national and international level in Madhya Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (d) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country, including tribal areas to enable tribal children to showcase their talent in traditional sports, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports in the country, including the areas of Madhya Pradesh:

(i) Khelo India Scheme; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

Further, one of the verticals of the Khelo India Scheme, namely, “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games”, is specifically dedicated to encouraging and showcasing of traditional tribal sports in tribal areas of the country.
