

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *290
ANSWERED ON 21.03.2023**

Promotion of International Spirit under Khelo India Scheme

***290. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Khelo India Scheme is promoting international spirit among the players of rural areas in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details and the number of players promoted from rural areas?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR }**

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *290 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2023 REGARDING “PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME” ASKED BY DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Khelo India Scheme is promoting international spirit among the players of the country, including those from rural areas. The Khelo India Scheme aims at infusing sports culture and achieving sporting excellence in the country thus allowing the populace to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence. It focuses on the broad basing of sports amongst the youth and the promotion of sports activities throughout the country. Under the Scheme, various initiatives have been undertaken with an aim to provide training and exposure at par with the International standards, which includes training of Khelo India Athletes in Accredited academies. These athletes participate in Khelo India Youth and University Games where benchmark of technical conduct is of International standards. Further, these athletes compete with National/International athletes at various forums which enhance their capabilities and strengthen the benchstrength of the country for future National/International events.

(c) A total of 2550 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) have been identified under the Khelo India Scheme. Majority of the KIAs belong to rural areas of the country. State/UT-wise details of the same are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *290 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2023 REGARDING “PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME” ASKED BY DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA

State/UT-wise details of Khelo India Athletes

S. No.	State / UT	No. of Khelo India Athletes
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	47
3	Arunachal Pradesh	10
4	Assam	38
5	Bihar	8
6	Chandigarh	42
7	Chhattisgarh	33
8	Daman Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	2
9	Delhi	179
10	Goa	17
11	Gujarat	77
12	Haryana	423
13	Himachal Pradesh	34
14	Jammu & Kashmir	20
15	Jharkhand	40
16	Karnataka	123
17	Kerala	91
18	Ladakh	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	102
20	Maharashtra	305
21	Manipur	127
22	Meghalaya	1
23	Mizoram	27
24	Nagaland	1
25	Odisha	54
26	Puducherry	3
27	Punjab	176
28	Rajasthan	80
29	Sikkim	2
30	Tamil Nadu	151
31	Telangana	45
32	Tripura	5
33	Uttar Pradesh	177
34	Uttarakhand	28
35	West Bengal	79
	TOTAL	2550
