

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1663**  
ANSWERED ON – 13/02/2023

**DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS UNDER SKILL INDIA INITIATIVE**

1663. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative for development of sports under the Skill India initiative;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is in collaboration with academic institutions, vocational centres and industry to facilitate skilling initiatives;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to set up skill training centre dedicated to sports in Meerut (known for sports and sporting equipments); and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) Under Skill India Mission, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing its flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) to deliver short term skills in various sectors including Sports. Further, MSDE through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) formed the Sports, Physical Education, Fitness & Leisure Skills Council (SPEFL-SC), an industry led body, for focused attention to the development of sports under the Skill India Initiative.

(b) Under PMKVY, since inception till 31.12.2022, more than 91,000 candidates have been trained/oriented under Sports sector in various job roles namely Primary Years Physical Activity Facilitator, Sports Masseur, Fitness Trainer, Community Sports Coach, Unarmed Self-Defence Instructor, Personal Fitness Trainer, Group Fitness Trainer, Strength and Conditioning Coach, Lifeguard Pool, Lifeguard Open Water, Swimming Instructor, etc.

(c) To facilitate skilling initiatives, MSDE in co-ordination with Ministry of Education launched the Skill Hubs Initiative (SHI) as a pilot project under PMKVY in January 2022. SHI aims at creating shared infrastructure, aligning with the needs of the local economy and addressing the needs of all target segments for vocational training. It focuses on introduction of skill training programme in the education ecosystem as envisioned in the National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP, 2020).

Further, under PMKVY, short term training has been imparted through accredited and affiliated training centres (TCs) in various National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) aligned job roles which are industry driven curriculum designed by Sector Skill Councils (SSCs).

(d) & (e) Presently, MSDE is not considering setting up of dedicated skill training centre for sports in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh.

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