

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2108
ANSWERED ON 14.03.2023**

Promotion of Sports Activities in Rural Areas

2108. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has made serious efforts to promote the youth and sports activities in rural areas like in the State of Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details of activities and the total funds allocated and utilized for promotion of youth and sports activities in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise during the last three years and the current year?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of promotion of sports activities primarily rests with the State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts by bridging the critical gaps.

For youth activities, this Ministry is implementing various youth and sports centric schemes through its organizations namely Sports Authority of India (SAI), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS) across the country, including the State of Himachal Pradesh.

Youth centric programmes like formation of youth clubs, promotion of spirit of sportsmanship, promotion of folk art and culture, skill upgradation and programmes for promotion of national unity are being conducted in Himachal Pradesh.

In order to strengthen the sports ecosystem, Department of Sports has sanctioned sports infrastructure projects worth Rs. 30.50 crore. Further one

Khelo India State Centre of Excellence, one Khelo India Centres and six accredited academies for training of Khelo India Athletes have been notified. Apart, two National Centre of Excellence (NCOE), one SAI Training Centre (STC) and two Extension Centres of STC are also functioning in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

Further, funds are allocated scheme-wise, not state-wise in this Ministry. Details of allocation of funds to this Ministry during last three years and the current year for youth and sports activities are given hereunder: -

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds allocated/ Revised Estimated (in Rs. Crore)	Funds utilised (in Rs. Crore)
1.	2019-20	2776.92	2706.64
2.	2020-21	1800.15	1787.83
3.	2021-22	2757.02	2376.99
4.	2022-23	2673.35	2103.44 (till 6th March, 2023)
