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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2172 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14-03-2023

National Sports University

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish the National Sports University in the States of Haryana and Maharashtra in order to make it the best sports centres of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to build an Olympic Park spread over ten acres for Karnal parliamentary constituency in coordination with the State Government so that training facilities could be provided to state level players from Karnal and Panipat to train them to become international players and win Olympic gold medals like Mr. Neeraj Chopra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Presently, there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government of India for establishing National Sports University in the States of Haryana and Maharashtra. 'Sports' being a State Subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country, including sports education, rests primarily with the respective State/UT Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by

bridging critical gaps. The National Sports University (NSU) which has been set up at Imphal in the State of Manipur, caters to students and athletes from all States/UTs of the country.

- (c) & (d): No such proposal is presently under the consideration of the Government of India. 'Sports' being a State Subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country, including building sports infrastructure, rests primarily with the respective Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. However, under the component "Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure" of the Khelo India Scheme, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has sanctioned 293 sports infrastructure projects of various sports disciplines in different States/UTs of the country. The Ministry also implements various schemes for the development of sports and provide benefits/facilities among the youth across the country, viz:
- (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 (NSDF); and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

The details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India (www.yas.nic.in/sports; www.sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in).
