

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3359  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2023**

**Promotion of Women Sports**

**†3359. SHRI BALAK NATH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes any scheme to encourage women participation in sports in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to promote women sports competitions in Rajasthan;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the funds allocated by the Government for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): This Ministry runs various schemes for the promotion of Sports across the country, including Rajasthan. These Schemes are:**

- (i) Khelo India;**
- (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 Sports Persons;**
- (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons;**
- (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and**

**(viii) Running sports training centres through Sports Authority of India(SAI).**

**All these schemes are gender neutral and cater to all sportspersons equally. Further, one sub component of Khelo India Scheme “Sports for Women” caters specifically for opportunities to women for participating in sporting activities and development of sports, competitions, leagues and tournaments for women in different disciplines at various levels. Women’s leagues in various sporting disciplines are conducted across the country in order to increase the participation of women in sports. These leagues are utilised as platform for talent identification and provide competition exposure to women athletes of the different age groups.**

**(e): Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not state wise. However, the details of the funds utilized under the above-mentioned sub-component in last 3 years and the current year are as under:**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Funds Utilized (in Rs. Crore)</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>9.50</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2.34</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5.54</b>

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