

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3440
TO BE ANSWERD ON 21.03.2023**

Setting up of SAI Centres

†3440. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

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

(a) the details of funds released to various States for the development of youth and sports during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard from the State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government proposes to set up more centres of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in addition to the existing SAI facilities in the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(f) whether any scheme is being proposed particularly for the development of women sportspersons; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a): The Government of India allocates funds Scheme-wise, not State-wise. The details of the Revised Estimates and Actual Expenditure during the last three years for each scheme of the Ministry are available in the public domain on the official website of this Ministry (www.yas.nic.in/sports).

(b) to (e): In view of the available sports infrastructure and financial constraints, the Government has decided to focus primarily on the existing centres with a view to achieve excellence.

(f) to (g): All the schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports are gender neutral and due emphasis is given to the development of women sportspersons. One of the verticals of the Khelo India Scheme - "Sports for Women", specifically aims at encouragement of the participation of women in sports. Under this component, various initiatives have been undertaken for women sportspersons. Women-exclusive leagues are being organised for various sports disciplines, such as Swimming, Hockey, Judo, Wrestling, Cycling, Archery, Hockey U-21, Boxing, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Fencing, Wushu, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and Football, through their respective National Sports Federations (NSFs). The total participation in these leagues is more than 19,053 so far.

Further, under the Khelo India Scheme, out of 2550 sporting talents, 1255 women athletes across 21 sports disciplines (including Para sports) have been selected under Talent Search & Development programme.
