

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 743
ANSWERED ON 07.02.2023**

Promotion of Sporting Culture

743. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote sporting culture and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government recognises the role of digital technology platforms in promotion of sporting culture and development of sports;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government intends to promote digital technology platforms that promote sports engagement amongst citizens especially youth; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

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

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to promote sports culture rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports in the country:

(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 and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India (SAI).

(b) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government recognizes the role of digital technology platforms in promotion of sports culture and development of sports. Accordingly, the Government has implemented a number of projects such as the National Sports Repository System, the Khelo India Mobile Application and Dashboard, the Khelo India Fitness Application, the Fit India Mobile Application and portal, the Annual Calendar for Training and Competitions (ACTC) portal. An online platform for submission of application for cash award and annual sports awards to sportspersons and coaches has also been implemented.
