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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1855 ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023

#### **Construction of New Stadiums**

## †1855. SHRI NAYAB SINGH: SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

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

(a) the total funds allocated for sports development during the last five years and the current year, State and UT-wise;

(b) the progress made so far in construction of new State-of-the-Art stadiums in every district and also providing same facilities in the existing stadiums to train the talented young sportspersons at local level, State and district-wise including stadiums in Kurukshetra;

(c) whether any other latest schemes have been announced by the Government to encourage the youth to take up sports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d) This Ministry allocates funds scheme-wise and not State/UT-wise. An amount of  $\gtrless$  11898.30 crore has been allocated under various sports development schemes/programmes during the last five years and the current year.

Sports being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including construction of new State-of-the-Art stadiums in every district and also providing same facilities in the existing stadiums to train the talented young sportspersons at local level, state and district-wise including stadiums in Kurukshetra, rests primarily with the State / Union Territory governments. The Central government only supplements their efforts.

Further, the Central Government is taking various initiatives like organising of three annual sporting events viz. Khelo India Youth Games, Khelo India University Games, Khelo India Winter Games, introduction of women's leagues in fourteen sports disciplines in tier-2 and the tier-3 cities, Fit India activities like Freedom Run, Plog Run, Fitness Quiz, etc. under the existing schemes to encourage the youth to take up sports.

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