

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1926  
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023**

**Khelo India Centres**

**1926. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any new initiatives to promote sports in the country during the last three years and the current year;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details of present status of having more Khelo India Centres in the country?**

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

**(a) and (b) Sports being a State subject, the responsibility of promotion of sports, including taking new initiatives to promote sports in the country, rests primarily with State/Union Territory governments. Central government only supplements their efforts through its schemes across the country. These schemes include: - (i) Khelo India Scheme (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs); (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International sports events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards, Pension to Meritorious Sports Persons; (v) National Sports Development Fund; and (vi) Sports Training Centres run through Sports Authority of India.**

**Some notable initiatives of this Ministry include creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure, wherein 297 sports infrastructure projects across 32 States/UTs at a total sanctioned cost of Rs.2740.89 crore have been approved, organizing three annual sporting events namely, Khelo India Youth Games, Khelo India University Games and Khelo India Winter Games, establishment of 31 Khelo India States Centre of Excellence, 960 Khelo India Centres and 267 accredited academies for training of about 2500 identified athletes, Women's Leagues in 14 sports districts in the Tier-2 and**

**Tier-3 cities held under the 'Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports' vertical of the Khelo India Scheme and organizing Fit India initiatives such as 'Freedom Run', 'Plot Run', 'Fitness Quiz' etc. These initiatives have given major boost to the development of sports across the country.**

**(c) As on date, a total of 960 Khelo India Centres have been notified in 652 districts across the country.**

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