

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2031
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023**

Progress of Khelo India Programme

2031. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

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

- (a) the details of the progress made in Khelo India Programme in the country;**
- (b) whether this Programme enabled to create employment in the country and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details of the existing and proposed plans of the Government to create sports environment in rural Ladakh under both Khelo India Programme and other schemes of the Government?**

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

- (a) The details of the major achievements of Khelo India scheme are at Annexure.**
- (b) Yes, Sir. As a part of Government Vision to strengthen the sports ecosystem in the country at the grassroots level, a low-cost, effective sports training mechanism has been developed wherein past Champion Athletes are engaged as mentors at the Khelo India Centres functional under the Khelo India Scheme. At present 635 such past champion athletes have been engaged across the country. Further, creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure projects, organizing annual sporting events like the Khelo India Youth Games, the Khelo India University Games & the Khelo India Winter Games and various activities under the FIT India programmes, are also helping in creation of indirect employment.**
- (c) Till date, 4 sports infrastructure projects at a cost of ₹ 18.28 crore, 3 Khelo India Centres and one Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centre**

(STC) have been sanctioned in the UT of Ladakh, which also caters to the rural areas.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2031 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023 REGARDING “PROGRESS OF KHELO INDIA PROGRAMME” ASKED BY SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA.

Important Achievements of Khelo India Scheme

I. Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure: 297 sports infrastructure projects have been approved across 32 States / Union Territories at a total sanctioned cost of ₹ 2740.89 crore and ₹ 1679.48 crore have been released so far.

II. Annual Sports Competition: 11 editions of Khelo India Games have been organized i.e. 01 Khelo India School Games, 04 editions of Khelo India Youth Games, 03 editions of Khelo India Winter Games and 03 editions of Khelo India University Games. These games have witnessed a total participation of more than 40,000 athletes, 85,000 Support Staff, 63,000 Technical Officers and 11,000 Volunteers.

III. Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies: 31 Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) have been approved in 30 States/UTs. These KISCE are being provided financial support in terms of manpower, sports equipment, sports science support, etc. As a part of Government’s vision to strengthen the sports ecosystem in the country at the grassroots level, a low-cost, effective sports training mechanism has been worked out wherein past “Champion Athletes” would become coaches and mentors for youngsters, running sports training in an autonomous manner, and earning their livelihood. As a part of this endeavor till date, a total of 960 Khelo India Centres (KIC) have been notified across the country. A total of 267 Academies accredited for training of athletes identified under the Khelo India.

IV. Khelo India Talent Identification: The country with vast diversity in terms of physical attributes offers immense opportunity to excel in the field of sports provided sporting talent is identified at right time and age-appropriate nurturing is done by coaches with the help of sports science support to achieve the objective winning medals in Olympics. The funding has been raised to Rs. 6,28,400/- per annum including an amount of Rs. 10000/- per month as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA). This is for all identified Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) irrespective of their background. More than 2550 KIAs are currently getting supported across 21 sports disciplines.

V. Fit India Movement: Fit India Movement was launched by the Department of Sports on the occasion of National Sports Day i.e. 29th August, 2019 with the objective to make fitness an integral part of daily life of Indians by encouraging them to enroll and participate in Fitness Events/Activities such as marathons, cyclothons, runs and more, throughout the year, making it a People’s Movement. Be it the Fit India Freedom Run in which 21 Crore citizens have participated over three editions across the country, or the Fit India Quiz, the only quiz on fitness and sports for school children, where 1 lakh students have registered to participate in the quiz - the interest in fitness has grown among all age groups. To motivate students further, the Fit India School Week is held every year in which more than 13.5 lakh students have participated so far in various fitness-related activities.

VI. Sports for Women: This vertical aims at encouraging participation of women in sports through various activities. Under this initiative, various Khelo India Women’s League – was

conducted in 14 disciplines across the nation in 26 States/UTs across tier-2 and tier-3 cities of country. This initiative has significantly increased the women participation in sports across the nation and has provided ample opportunities to women athletes to compete, learn and grow in all age groups.
