

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2064
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023**

Promotion of Sports at Grassroots Level

2064. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

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

- (a) the details of initiatives being taken by the Government to promote sports at the grassroots level and identify and nurture young talent across various disciplines;**
- (b) the details of the progress made in enhancing sports infrastructure and facilities in rural and remote areas;**
- (c) the manner in which the ministry is supporting the development of sports science and sports medicine to improve the performance of Indian athletes at national and international levels; and**
- (d) whether there is any fund allocation and utilisation for the same and if so, the details thereof as on date?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]

(a) & (b): 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development and encouragement of sports rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Central Government only supplements their efforts. However, this Ministry runs various schemes for the promotion of sports 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

Sportspersons; (v) National Sports Development Fund; (vi) Sports Training centres run through Sports Authority of India (SAI). The Details of these schemes are available in the public domain on the website of the Ministry.

Further, the Government has launched the revamped Khelo India Scheme with a mandate for identification of talent from the grass-roots level and nurturing them to attain highest levels of achievement at international levels. Under the vertical of “Talent Search and Development”, which is being implemented by SAI, athletes are selected from pan-India covering tribal, rural and backward areas of the country in 21 sports disciplines. So far, 2510 athletes have been identified under the Scheme.

As regards sports infrastructure, under the component “Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure” of the Scheme, 297 sports infrastructure projects have been sanctioned across the country, including in the rural areas, to promote sports at the grass-roots level.

(c) & (d): The National Centre of Sports Science and Research (NCSSR) scheme, being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, aims to support high-level research education and innovation in respect of high performance of elite athletes. The said Scheme is implemented through SAI, and select universities/institutes/medical colleges in the country. The details of fund allocated under the Scheme are as follows:-

(₹ in Crore)

S.No.	Financial Year	Allocated Budget	Funds Released
1.	2021-22	7.00	6.98
2.	2022-23	7.00	6.98
3.	2023-24 (till date)	13.00	0.66
