

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3212
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2023**

Setting up of Training Centre for students in Sports

3212. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

(a) whether the Government has any plan to set up a training centre at the district level to identify the interest of students in sports and develop their talents in the schools of Gujarat State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any scheme has been started from the district level in the State to train youth and prepare players of national and international level or such a new policy is under consideration; and

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

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a) to (c): 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility for promotion and development of sports, including setting up training centres at the district level to identify the interest of students in sports and develop their talents in the schools, rests primarily with the respective State Governments. The Central Government supplements their efforts through its various schemes as well as the sports promotional schemes run by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). These schemes aim to identify talented sportspersons in various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels. In the State of Gujarat, one (01) National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) is functioning in Gandhinagar and one (01) SAI Training Extension Centre in Surat. A total of 184 talented sports

persons (106 boys and 78 girls) are being trained in these centres on residential basis. A majority of the sportspersons identified under the SAI Sports Promotional Schemes are students, who are provided with regular training as per the scheme-approved norms.

Further, the Khelo India Scheme was launched by the Government of India with a mandate of identifying talent at grassroots level and nurturing them for achievement at national and international levels. Under the Talent Search and Development component of the scheme, athletes including school going children are selected from all across the country, including the State of Gujarat, in 21 sports disciplines.

Under the Khelo India Scheme, 25 district-level Khelo India Centres, 01 Khelo India State Centre of Excellence and 16 Khelo India Accredited Academies have been sanctioned in the State of Gujarat. A total of 67 Khelo India athletes (31 Boys & 36 Girls) are being trained in these centres.
