

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1422
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2023**

Encourage Participation in Sports

1422. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to encourage participation in sports in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of funds allocated in this regard during the last three years and the current year;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure the inclusivity of women in sports; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): “Sports” being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports in the country 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 as well as for encouragement of sports participation across the country. These schemes include: (i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare

Scheme; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India. Details of these schemes are available in the public domain on the website of the Ministry.

The details of the funds allocated to Department of Sports during last three (3) years and current year for various activities including sports promotions are given below:-

(₹ in crore)

Year	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24
Funds Allocated	BE	RE	BE	RE	BE	RE	BE
	2100.42	1313.40	1906.14	1993.00	2254.00	1907.69	2462.59

Further, under the Khelo India scheme, there is a dedicated sub-component of “Sports for women” wherein emphasis is laid on such sports disciplines where there is less participation of women. Under this initiative, various Khelo India Women’s League – are being conducted. Till now women leagues have been organised in 19 sports disciplines in 26 States/UTs. Total 479 competitions have been organized for Women athletes with total 52,086 participants. This initiative has significantly increased women participation in sports across the nation and has provided ample opportunities to women athletes to compete, learn and grow in all age groups.
