

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 428  
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023**

**Khelo India Schemes**

**428. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has taken any step to tap the hidden talent in the rural areas of the country through Khelo India programme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**

**(b) the details of the Schemes of the Government in the States of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Odisha to encourage rural sports activities under the “Khelo India” programme being run in the country;**

**(c) whether the Government is emphasizing on developing special facilities to encourage meritorious children/youth from rural areas of the country so that they also get an opportunity to participate in national/international tournaments and represent the country;**

**(d) if so, the details thereof, State and district wise including Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Odisha and if not, the reasons therefor;**

**(e) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure the availability of trained professionals for mentoring young talent in rural areas of the country; and**

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

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

**(a) & (b): Sports' being a State subject, the primary responsibility of tapping the sports talents, development of special facilities to encourage meritorious children/youth in the country, providing trained professional for mentoring, including in rural areas, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) implements the following schemes for the development of sports in the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Odisha:**

**(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 Fund; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.**

**Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.**

**(c) to (f): 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' of this Ministry aims at strengthening the entire sports ecosystem to promote the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country. It focuses on broad-basing of sports among the youth and promotion of sports activities throughout the country, including rural areas. One of the components of this Scheme, "Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games" is specifically dedicated to the rural sector of the country.**

**Apart from above, this Ministry has sanctioned 307 sports infrastructure projects at cost of ₹ 2809.13 crore, of various categories under the Khelo India Scheme across the country, including the rural areas, on the basis of proposals received from the State/UT Governments and other eligible entities, including 05 projects in the State of Tamil Nadu, 13 projects in the State of Maharashtra and 04 projects in the State of Odisha.**

**In addition, Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organisation under the aegis of MYAS, has established 23 National Centres of Excellence (NCoE) across the Country. These centres impart specialized training, including expert coaches, boarding and lodging etc., to promising State and National level players, from across the country, by providing them state of the art infrastructure and training facilities, sports science backup, individualized diet prescribed by trained nutritionists under overall supervision of the best coaches and qualified support staff. The details of NCoE are at Annexure.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 428 for 05/12/2023 regarding Khelo India Schemes asked by Shri C.N. Annadurai, Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre, Dr. DNV Senthilkumar S., Smt. Manjulata Mandal, Dr. Amol Ramsing Kolhe, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Shrimati Supriya Sule, Hon'ble MPs.**

**Details of National Centres of Excellence (NCoEs)**

S. No.	State	NCoE location
1	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
2	West Bengal	Kolkata
3	Odisha	Jagatpur
4	Kerela	Trivandrum
5		Alleppey
6	Karnataka	Bangalore
7	Assam	Guwahati
8	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar
9	Haryana	Sonepat
10		Rohtak
	Chandigarh (UT)	Zirakpur
12	Himachal Pradesh	Dharamshala
13		Hamirpur
14	Manipur	Imphal
15	Gujarat	Gandhinagar
16	Punjab	Patiala
17	Maharashtra	Kandivali
18		Aurangabad
19	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
20	Delhi	Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium
21		Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium
22		Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Swimming Pool Complex
23		Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range

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