

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †436
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023**

Rural Sports Programme

†436. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

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

(a) whether rural sports programme has been launched in the country to promote sports and to identify hidden talents from rural areas to get benefit therefrom;

(b) if so, the details thereof and total funds allocated and spent under the said programme during each of the last five years and the current year, sports, State and UT-wise, particularly Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the progress made under the said programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and extent to which the said programme has been successful?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Khelo India Programme was started in the country to promote sports in the rural areas of the country and find out the hidden talents present there and use their talents in competitions. Funds are allocated and released Scheme-wise, not State-wise or Discipline-wise in this Ministry. Details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the Khelo India Scheme during the last five years and the current year are as under:

(in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds allocated (Revised Estimate/ Budget Estimate)	Expenditure incurred (as on 13.11.2023)
1	2018-19	375.09	342.24

2	2019-20	578.00	575.52
3	2020-21	328.77	338.06
4	2021-22	869.00	764.29
5	2022-23	600.00	596.39
6	2023-24	1000.00	414.11

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Under the Khelo India Scheme there is provision of monitoring of the scheme through the National Level Executive Committee (NLEC). The NLEC is chaired by Secretary, Department of Sports, to establish a central evaluation and monitoring system. In addition, there is also a provision of Project Monitoring Committee to monitor the progress of sports infrastructure projects sanctioned in each State/UT. Further, there is also a dedicated Union Territory (UT) level Monitoring Committee for projects sanctioned in UTs. The UT level Monitoring Committee is chaired by Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
