

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1702
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021**

Construction of Stadiums in Rural Areas

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SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes any schemes and projects to construct stadiums and promote sports activities in the rural areas of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan including Latur, Jalore-Sirohi and Amreli; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof?**

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

(a) to (b) ‘Sports’ being a State subject, the responsibility of constructing stadiums rests with the State / Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. The ‘Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports’ was launched in 2016 with the aim to strengthen 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 amongst the youth of the country and promotion of sports activities in various parts of the country, including rural areas of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan. One of the components of the Scheme, “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games” is specifically dedicated to rural sector of the country. The number of sports infrastructure projects sanctioned in the above three States under Khelo India Scheme so far is as under: -

S. No.	Name of State	Number of sports infrastructure projects sanctioned under Khelo India Scheme
1	Maharashtra	11
2	Gujarat	04
3	Rajasthan	40
