

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1736
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021**

National Programme for Development of Sports

†1736. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has started a National Programme for Development of Sports branded as 'Khelo India' so that girls and boys in large number may participate in sports;**
- (b) the funds allocated/released for Rajasthan under the said programme;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up regional centres in Jalore and Sirohi districts in Rajasthan for implementation of the said sport promotional schemes;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

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

(a) Yes, Sir. 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.

(b) Funds are allocated by the Union Government Scheme-wise, not State/UT-wise. However, funds released for development of sports in Rajasthan under Khelo India Scheme during the last five years are as under:-

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds Released
1	2016-17	38.90
2	2017-18	62.05
3	2018-19	14.87
4	2019-20	69.26
5	2020-21	36.05

(c) to (e) The Union Government, through Sports Authority of India (SAI), has established 03 SAI Training Centres (STCs), 07 Extension Centres of STCs, 09 Khelo India Centres and has adopted 08 Akharas in the State of Rajasthan. There is currently no proposal to set up regional centres in Jalore and Sirohi districts.
