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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1382 ANSWERED ON 07.12.2021

Sports Competitions under Khelo India Scheme

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

- (a) the number of sports competitions organised at national level by the Government under Khelo India Scheme; and
- (b) the facilities made available for above competitions at national level specially for the identification of sports talent at rural level and for participation in sports competitions of international level specially in Chhattisgarh State during the last three years?
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a) So far, three editions of Khelo India School/Youth Games, one edition of Khelo India University Games, two editions of Khelo India Winter Games and one Khelo India Under-17 Girls Football League have been organised at the national level by the Government under the Khelo India Scheme. Further, two editions of Khelo India Winter Games of national level have also been organised under the Scheme.
- (b) and (f) Khelo India Games act as a unique experience for the young and budding athletes, who get an opportunity to showcase their talents at the national level and motivate them with facilities of international standards, like, sports apparel, technical conduct, accommodation, catering, transportation, and live telecast. These games have been able to create a comprehensive eco-system for players and they provide opportunity for the talent to get identified through show-casing of her/his performance at the national level competitions. Talent pool identified at the Khelo India Youth Games and Khelo India University Games forms a key input for the Talent Search and Development Programme.
