

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1552  
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2021**

**Promotion of Sports at Rural Level**

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

**(a) whether the Government is formulating any action plan to promote sports at rural level;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;**

**(c) whether the Government is considering the need for construction of new stadiums or sports complexes to increase the participation of the youth in sports and encourage them towards this field; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) and (b) The '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 amongst the youth of the country 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.**

**(c) and (d) 'Sports' being a State subject, the primary responsibility to promote sports at rural level and construct new stadiums or sports complexes rests with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. However, this Ministry has sanctioned 267 sports infrastructure projects of various categories under the Khelo India Scheme across the country, including the rural areas, on the basis of proposals received from various State/UT Governments and other eligible entities. Out of these, thirty projects are located in the State of Uttar Pradesh.**

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