

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1582
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2021**

Development of Sports at the Primary and Middle School Level

1582. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for the development of sports at the primary and middle school level all over the country for creating world class athletes who can bring international medals for the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the primary responsibility of development of sports at the primary and middle school level rests with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. However, 09 schools and 28 Army Boys Sports Companies have been adopted as State Level Khelo India Centres (SLKICs) under the Khelo India Scheme and 10 schools are covered under the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme of Sports Authority of India. Further, under the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry has taken a number of initiatives to cater to young talents in the country, including those in primary and middle schools, such as conducting of Khelo India School/Youth Games, Khelo India Under-17 Girls Football League, identification of young talents as Khelo India Athletes and their training, assessment of fitness of school going children, etc.
