

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3732
ANSWERED ON 21.12.2021**

Sports Competitions under Khelo India Scheme

3732. SHRI KHALILUR RAHAMAN:

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

- (a) the number of sports competitions organized at the national level by the Government under Khelo India Scheme; and**
- (b) the facilities made available for the above competitions at the national level especially for the identification of sports talent at the rural level and for participation in sports competitions of international level especially in the State of West Bengal during the last three years; and**
- (c) 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.

(b) and (c) 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. Under the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry has sanctioned one sports infrastructure project at a cost of Rs. 26.77 crore and eight accredited sports academies in the State of West Bengal.
