

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*369
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2022**

Implementation of Khelo India Scheme

**†*369. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:**

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

(a) the details of outline/roadmap prepared/implemented for “Khelo India” scheme in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and spent during the last five years and the current year as on date particularly in the rural areas of the country including West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, State/district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the promotion of sports and development of regional sports academies in the country including Tamil Nadu during the said period?

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

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. †*369 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/03/2022 REGARDING “IMPLEMENTATION OF KHELO INDIA SCHEME” ASKED BY SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK AND SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO, HON’BLE MEMBERS OF LOK SABHA

(a) With a view to achieving the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports, the Government introduced the Scheme of “Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports” in 2016-17. The Government has decided to continue the Khelo India Scheme over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26) at an outlay of ₹ 3165.50 crore. It is the flagship Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports which aims at infusing sports culture and achieving sporting excellence in the country thus allowing the populace to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence. The Khelo India programme includes filling up of critical gaps in sports infrastructure through creation and upgradation of various categories of sport infrastructure; playfield development; community coaching development; promotion of community sports; establishment of a strong sports competition structure at both school and university level as also for rural / indigenous sports, sports for persons with disability and women sports; including creation of hubs of sports excellence in select universities; talent identification and development; support to sports academies; implementation of a national physical fitness drive for school children; and sports for peace and development. The Component-wise outline of objectives of the Khelo India Scheme are at Annexure.

(b) Funds are allocated and released Scheme-wise and not State-wise in this Ministry. Details of funds allocated and released under the Khelo India Scheme during the last five years and the current year are given below: -

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Year	Funds allocated	Funds released (as on 28.02.2022)
2016-17	118.10	118.10
2017-18	350.00	346.99
2018-19	375.09	342.24
2019-20	578.00	575.52
2020-21	338.93	338.93
2021-22	869.00	418.23

(c) Under the “Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies” Component of the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry has accredited 247 sports academies across the country, including 16 sports academies in Tamil Nadu so far.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. †*369 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/03/2022 REGARDING “IMPLEMENTATION OF KHELO INDIA SCHEME” ASKED BY SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK AND SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO, HON’BLE MEMBERS OF LOK SABHA.

Objectives of the Khelo India Scheme

S. No.	Component	Objectives
1	Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bridge gaps in availability of sports infrastructure and facilities across the country, thereby providing a near-uniform framework for sports development. • Development of playfields to infuse a sporting culture and afford opportunities to the population to take part in sporting activities. • Setting up open gyms to encourage local population to take up physical activities and stay fit. • Creation of sports infrastructure from across the country to increase availability of infrastructure. • Increase in the number of persons participating in sporting activities, like sports competitions, marathons, etc.
2	Sports Competitions and Talent Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage mass participation among youth of the country in sporting activities, thereby initiating a pathway for prospective talents to achieve excellence in sports. • Long-term support of talents to build a large bench strength of potential sporting talents. • Master Trainers, trained under the Scheme to train other PETs/Subject teachers as coaches. • Online course material to further aid development of coaches from amongst aspiring persons for better training of budding sports persons at the lowest level of development, being reflected in the increase of bench strength in various sports disciplines at the developmental level. • Increase in the number of sporting talents identified. • Increase in the level of excellence achieved by the participants in the competitions. • Increase in the bench strength number of sportspersons achieving excellence in the priority sports disciplines. • Increase in the number of coaches being certified.
3	Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Level Khelo India Centres to act as an extension arm of the Government of India, thus increasing the direct coverage of the Scheme and help in broad basing sports. • Creation of a pathway for long-term athlete development in a controlled environment with support to existing academies of the Ministry as well as other Ministries/States/UTs.

S. No.	Component	Objectives
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of better training facilities in newer areas of the country. • Reduced pressure on existing centres. • Increase in the number of elite athletes being developed and increase of bench strength at the elite level.
4	Fit India Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create a national database of fitness level of citizens, thereby providing empirical evidence to support the beneficial effect of sports in contributing towards a healthy lifestyle. • Increased awareness of fitness levels among children as well as parents, thereby encouraging them to adopt programs for enhancement of physical fitness. • Significant reduction in the number of people suffering from lifestyle diseases, especially obesity and juvenile diabetes.
5	Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To wean away the youth from disruptive activities and harness their power in the development of the country. • To continue the legacy of our traditional games and encourage children and youth to take them up in major way, paving way for their inclusion as mainstream sports. • To make sports more accessible to persons with disability and ensure greater participation in sporting activities. • To create an exclusive avenue for women to participate in Sports thereby enhancing the rate of their acceptance of Sports as a way of life. • Greater incidence of children and youth from disturbed areas taking up sports as a way of life, thereby reducing the incidence of such youth participating in disruptive activities. • Increase in the number of persons practicing traditional and indigenous games. • Increase in the number of persons with disabilities taking part in sports and reduced complaints from such persons regarding inaccessibility at sports infrastructures across the country. • Increase in the number of women sportspersons achieving excellence.
