

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1037
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2022**

Upgradation of Existing Sports Academies

1037.SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that Odisha has produced many players who have represented India in Hockey and the Odisha Government is sponsoring Hockey for five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to set up new or upgrade existing Sports Academies and Hostels for boys and girls under the “Khelo India Scheme” in Odisha to supplement the efforts of the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware that Odisha has produced many players who have represented India in Hockey and the Odisha Government has been sponsoring Hockey for five years. 18 men and 12 women from Odisha have represented India in international tournaments since 20 May, 2009 when Hockey India came into existence.

(c) and (d) Under the “State Level Khelo India Centre” vertical of the Khelo India scheme, to collaborate with the State Governments and to facilitate the development of athletes, the existing infrastructures of the State Governments are upgraded by converting them into Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCEs) wherein financial support in terms of manpower, sports equipment, sports science support, etc. is provided after conducting viability gap analysis. In Odisha, one centre at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar has been designated as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence. Further, accreditation of academies is an ongoing process and

sports academies are accredited upon receiving Expression of Interest. As of now, out of 247 accredited academies in the country, 08 academies are in the State of Odisha.
