

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
(Department of Sports)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2177
TO BE ANSWERD ON 15.03.2022**

International Participation in Sports

†2177. SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:

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

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance the international participation of India in the field of sports for all States including Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu;

(b) whether India can perform better in the sports competition at international level including the Olympic games by enhancing the participation in the sports field;

(c) if so, the efforts being made by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to construct new sport stadium or sports complex in each States of the country to encourage the youth in this field and enhance the participation of the youths in the sports specially in the Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the schemes being run by the Government to enhance the participation of the youths in the sports and provide the benefits/facilities to the sportspersons?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a) Preparation of Indian sportspersons and teams for participation in international sports events is an ongoing process, which is supported through various schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India (SAI). The Central Government is supporting sportspersons through National Sports

Federations (NSFs) for their training, foreign exposures and competitions to enable them to participate in international sports events, and enhance their chances of winning medals. Further, customized training of elite athletes is supported under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). Further, under Khelo India Scheme, Talent Search and Development vertical has the mandate for identification of talent and nurturing them to attain highest levels of achievement at National and International sports events. SAI is also implementing the Sports Promotional Schemes across the country to identify talented sportspersons in the various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels. A total of 188 Centres including National Centres of Excellence (NCOE), SAI Training Centres (STC), Extension Centre of STC and Schools, Indigenous Games & Martial Arts Centres and Akharas adopted under National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), are functional for implementation of SAI promotional schemes.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. As stated in reply to part (a) above, the Government has been implementing various schemes such as Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, TOPS, Khelo India Scheme and Schemes of SAI so as to prepare Indian sportspersons and teams to perform better in sports competitions at the international level including Olympic Games with enhanced participation.

(d) Augmentation of sports infrastructure is an ongoing exercise. Under Khelo India Scheme, projects for creation, development and upgradation of sports infrastructure in the States and Union Territories are being supported. The Khelo India Scheme is a demand driven scheme and the proposals are considered under this Scheme on the basis of their feasibility with reference to the parameters of the Scheme and availability of funds.

(e) Sports, being State subject, primary responsibility for promotion and development of sports, including enhanced participation of youth in sports and provide requisite sports facilities, is that of State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of State Governments/UTs under its various schemes. To support the efforts of State Governments, this Ministry through SAI is implementing various Sports Promotion Schemes

across the country to identify talented sportspersons in various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels. The selected trainees are provided support in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/ insurance and stipend as per the approved norms of the schemes.
