

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1504
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2022**

Talent Search and Development under Khelo India Scheme

1504. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

(a) the number of Khelo India Centers in the country, State and district-wise including Andhra Pradesh (AP);

(b) the number of proposals submitted by AP for Khelo India Centers and the current status of the proposals;

(c) the number of athletes who have been identified for talent development under Talent Search and Development vertical of the Khelo India Scheme, State and district-wise including AP;

(d) the details of financial assistance received by athletes who have been identified for talent development under Talent Search and Development vertical;

(e) the details of financial assistance received by athletes in Srikakulam who have been identified for talent development under Talent Search and Development vertical; and

(f) whether the Government to planning to add the Sports Discipline of Softball for Talent Search and Development vertical and Khelo India Youth Games and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) At present, a total of 523 Khelo India Centres (KIC) have been functioning, across the country, including 14 KICs in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Till date, a total of 34 proposals have been received from the state of Andhra Pradesh, out of which 14 have been approved.

(c) & (d) A total of 2745 athletes have been identified under 'Talent Search and Development' component of the Khelo India Scheme. The details athletes who have been identified for talent development under Talent Search and Development component of the Khelo India Scheme, are at Annexure.

The athletes selected under Talent Search and Development component of Khelo India has been provided with a financial assistance of ₹ 1,13,28,50,000/- as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) till 30/6/2022. Further, an amount of ₹ 45,17,39,254/- has been provided for training of Khelo India Athletes in the Accredited Academies.

(e) A total of 5 athletes identified under 'Talent Search and Development' component of the Khelo India Scheme in Srikakulam district of Tamil Nadu have been provided with financial assistance of ₹19,20,000/-, undergoing training in the disciplines of rowing, athletics, hockey and kabaddi.

(f) As per the Operational Guidelines of Khelo India Scheme, the proposals for the inclusion of any new sports discipline under Talent search and Development, and Khelo India Games are placed before the High Power Committee and Games Technical Conduct Committee (GTCC) respectively, for consideration and based on their recommendation, new disciplines are included.

The sports discipline of Soft Ball has not been included in Talent search and Development component of Khelo India scheme and Khelo India Games till date.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1504 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/07/2022 REGARDING “TALENT SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME” ASKED BY SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA.

State-wise details of 2745 Khelo India Athletes

S.N.	State	Total
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	51
3	Arunachal Pradesh	11
4	Assam	37
5	Bihar	11
6	Chandigarh	41
7	Chhattisgarh	38
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	2
9	Delhi	195
10	Goa	12
11	Gujarat	83
12	Haryana	420
13	Himachal Pradesh	31
14	Jammu and Kashmir	18
15	Jharkhand	39
16	Karnataka	142
17	Kerala	103
18	Ladakh	1
19	Lakshadweep	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	99
21	Maharashtra	369
22	Manipur	120
23	Meghalaya	3
24	Mizoram	22
25	Nagaland	1
26	Odisha	59
27	Puducherry	6
28	Punjab	182
29	Rajasthan	86
30	Sikkim	2
31	Tamil Nadu	175
32	Telangana	63
33	Tripura	7
34	Uttar Pradesh	183
35	Uttarakhand	39
36	West Bengal	87
Total		2745
