

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1510
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2022**

Schemes for Women Sportpersons

†1510. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

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

(a) whether the Government has been contemplating any scheme to encourage solely the women sportpersons and if so, the details for the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal from all the States of the country including Maharashtra in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) All schemes of the Department of Sports are gender neutral and cater to all sportpersons equally. However, one of the components of Khelo India Scheme “Sports for Women” is specifically dedicated towards promotion of sports among women. Also, under this component, Women’s Leagues in various disciplines are conducted in collaboration with the National Sports Federations, in order to increase the participation of women in sport, utilise the league as a platform for talent identification

and provide competition exposure to women athletes of the different age groups. The details of funds released under the above component during last three years are given below:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
2.34	5.00	2.22

Further, to provide special emphasis for the promotion of sport among the talented women sportspersons in the country, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has established one National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) and three SAI Training Centres (STCs) exclusively for women as indicated below:

- 1. NCOE Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh) having 33 women athletes (Athletics, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho & Volleyball)**
- 2. STC Badal (Punjab) having 47 women athletes (Athletics, Hockey & Volleyball)**
- 3. STC Tellicherry (Kerala) having 95 women athletes (Athletics, Fencing, Gymnastics, Volleyball & Wrestling)**
- 4. STC Solalgaon having 54 women athletes (Boxing, Football & Weightlifting)**
- 5. Two Expansion Centres under STC Varanasi**
 - (i) Nivedita Girls Inter College having 12 women athletes (Wrestling)**
 - (ii) Banaras Hindu University having 32 women athletes (Athletics, Boxing)**

Besides, a total number of 3146 women athletes are trained across the country under the Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI. Further, under the “Talent Search and Development” component of Khelo India Scheme, 1374 women athletes are being trained across the country and supported with a maximum financial assistance at the rate of ₹6,28,400 (including ₹1,20,000 as Out of Pocket Allowance) per annum per athlete.

(b) & (c): No such proposal has been received.
