

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2739
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2022**

Special Action Plan to Promote Sports

2739. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

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

(a) whether the Government is formulating any action plan to promote sports at rural level in West Bengal, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is considering the need for construction of new stadiums or sports complexes to increase the participation of the youth in sports and encourage them towards this field; and

(c) if so, the details thereof particularly in the Bishnupur Parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal?

ANSWER

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

(a) The 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' of this Ministry aims at strengthening the entire sports ecosystem to promote the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country. It focuses on broad-basing of sports amongst the youth of the country and promotion of sports activities throughout the country, including rural areas. One of the components of this Scheme, "Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games" is specifically dedicated to the rural sector of the country.

(b) & (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the primary responsibility to promote sports and construction of new stadiums or sports complexes rests with the respective State/Union Territory

Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. However, this Ministry has sanctioned 300 sports infrastructure projects which cater to all categories including youth under the Khelo India Scheme across the country, on the basis of proposals received from various State/UT Governments and other eligible entities.

No proposal for construction of new stadiums or sports complexes in the Bishnupur Parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal, is pending, in this Ministry.
