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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1019 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

Promotion of Sports in Tamil Nadu

1019. SHRI ROBERT BRUCE C:

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

- (a) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised for promotion of sports in the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken to identify and promote talents to represent the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a): Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise/District-wise. However, under the component "Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure" of the Khelo India Scheme, 323 sports infrastructure projects, including 05 projects in the State of Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned at cost of Rs.29.50 Crore. Details of these projects are available at https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in/.
- (b): Sports being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments, and the Central Government only supplements their efforts. However, the Government has launched the revamped Khelo India Scheme with mandate for identification of talents and nurturing them to attain highest levels of achievement at International levels. Under the vertical of "Talent Search and Development", athletes are selected from across the country. Further, the Government is also implementing various Sports Promotional Schemes across the country to identify talented sportspersons and nurture them to excel at national and international levels.