

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024**

Key Challenges in Maintenance of Sports Infrastructure

3272. SMT. RACHNA BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of key challenges in the development and maintenance of sports infrastructure across the country, especially in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that there is a disparity in the quality of sports infrastructure between urban and rural area of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to remove this disparity?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA }**

(a) to (e) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including development and maintenance of sports infrastructure across the country, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The sports infrastructure present in various parts of the country are under the jurisdiction of the respective bodies/Department of State/UT Governments. The information about them is maintained by the respective State/UT. Further, the Khelo India Scheme and National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), implemented by this Ministry, under which financial assistance for development of sports infrastructure is provided, are demand-driven schemes. The proposals received from the State/UT Governments and other eligible entities are considered for financial

assistance, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under these schemes. The details of the sports infrastructure projects approved and their sanctioned cost, funds released and their physical and financial progress, under Khelo India Scheme and NSDF, across the country, including in rural areas, are available in public domain on the dashboards of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in> and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>.
