

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1105
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

Promotion of Sports Infrastructure in Rural Areas

1105. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote sports infrastructure in rural areas, particularly in the Bhiwani-Mahendergarh Lok Sabha Constituency;**
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to provide additional support for talented athletes from rural areas to compete at national and international levels;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the budgetary allocation made for this purpose in the current financial year; and**
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to encourage public-private partnerships in the development of sports facilities in rural regions?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including development of sports infrastructure across the country, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. Under the Khelo India Scheme and National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), implemented by this Ministry, various sports infrastructure projects, across the country, including in the rural areas and Haryana have been sanctioned. The details 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>.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports in the country, including the rural areas across the country:

(i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

The details of the funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the various sports schemes of Department of Sports in the current financial year are as under:

(In ₹ Cr.)

S.No.	Scheme	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate
1.	Khelo India	900.00	800.00
2.	Assistance to National Sports Federations	340.00	340.00
3.	Special Cash award	35.00	38.65
4.	Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons	4.00	4.00
5.	National Sports Development Fund	18.00	18.00
6.	Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund	2.00	2.00
7.	Sports Authority of India	822.60	815.00

Further, Government is providing additional support to athletes from rural areas to pursue sports as a career by providing various direct/indirect financial support through various schemes/programmes as under:

- I. Under the component “Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies” of Khelo India Scheme the talent identified under Khelo India Scheme are given options to join the accredited Khelo India academies and also provided financial assistance @ Rs. 6.28 Lacs per annum [including Rs 1.20 Lacs as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA)] towards training expenses, coaching, competitions exposure, education, equipment support, scientific support and etc. Also, under the Khelo India Centre vertical of Khelo India Scheme, Past Champion Athletes (PCAs) are hired as coaches/mentors for young athletes in Khelo India Centres (KICs) who train these athletes as well as run**

the KIC in an autonomous manner or with the support of the State/UT Sports Department.

- II. Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), Government provides assistance to India's top athletes for their preparations for Olympic and Paralympic Games. Selected athletes are supported with funding from National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for customized training and other support not available under normal schemes of the Ministry. Out of pocket allowance (OPA) is paid @ Rs. 50,000/- per month to Core group athletes. Apart from OPA, entire expenditure for the training plan submitted by the sportsperson, which is considered and approved by Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), is met under TOPS.**
- III. Under the scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF) financial assistance are given to National Sports Federations (NSFs) for the training of athletes, which includes all requisite support for training, participation in International events, conduct of National Championships, conduct of International tournaments in India, engagement of Foreign Coaches/support staff, scientific & medical support etc.**
- IV. Under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) Scheme, Government provides direct financial assistance (upto Rs.2.50 lakh) to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances for training, procurement for sports equipment, participation in national and international sports events, etc.**
- V. Government provides financial support to the sportspersons after their retirement from active sports through the scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons, with the objective of providing an assured monthly income through annuity for outstanding sportspersons. Under the existing scheme, monthly pension ranging from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 20,000/- is provided to eligible ex-sportspersons.**
- VI. Under the scheme of Cash Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches, Government provides cash award to outstanding sportspersons to encourage and motivate them for higher achievements and to act as inspiring role models for attracting the younger generation to take up sports. Under this scheme, cash award ranging from Rs. 20,000/- to**

Rs.75,00,000/- are granted to sportsperson who have won medals at international events.

VII. Apart from the above schemes, in order to honour athletes/ sportspersons winning medals in international events, Government also confers the National Sports Awards every year under various categories like Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award and Dhyan Chand Award.

(d) No such initiative such as Public-Private Partnerships have been taken in this Ministry.
