

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1113
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

Strengthening World Class Sports Infrastructure in Jharkhand

†1113. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many players from Jharkhand have delivered world level performance in various sports, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to enhance their talent;**
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering about any plan to strengthen the world class sports infrastructure especially in archery, football, hockey, athletics in Jharkhand; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

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

(a) Yes, Sir. Many athletes from the State of Jharkhand have delivered world-class performances in various sports. The details of achievements of athletes from the State of Jharkhand at International level are provided at Annexure-I.

(b) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports, and also for the enhancement of talent in the country including in the state of Jharkhand,:

(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.

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:

- (a) 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.**
- (b) 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, is considered and approved by Mission Olympic Cell (MOC),and is met under TOPS.**
- (c) 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.**
- (d) Under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) Scheme, Government provides direct financial assistance (up-to Rs.2.50 lakh) to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances for training, procurement for sports equipment, participation in national and international sports events, etc.**

- (e) **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.**
- (f) **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.**
- (g) **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.**
- (c) and (d) Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including development of sports infrastructure across the country including in the state of Jharkhand , 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. 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>.**

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1113 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025 REGARDING “STRENGTHENING WORLD CLASS SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN JHARKHAND” ASKED BY SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA.

A. International Achievements of Target Olympic Podium Scheme Athletes from the State of Jharkhand:

- i. Ms. Ankita Bhakat, Archery (Olympic Participation in Paris, 2024) – The achievement details of Ms. Ankita Bhakat is as under: -**
 - **World Cup Stage: 2 Gold (Team - 2021, 2021), 1 Silver (Team - 2022), 3 Bronze (Team- 2023, 2022, 2021)**
 - **Asian Games: 1 Bronze (Team - 2023)**
 - **Asian Outdoor Championships: 1 Silver (Team - 2021), 2 Bronze (Team - 2023, 2021)**
- ii. Ms. Deepika Kumari, Archery (Olympic Participation in Paris, 2024) – The achievement details of Ms. Deepika Kumari is as under:-**
 - **2024 Asia Cup in Baghdad: 01 Gold**
 - **Archery World Cup Stage 1: 01 Silver (Individual - 2024)**
 - **World Cup Stage : 4 Gold (Individual - 2021, 2021; Team - 2021, 2021), 2 Silver (Individual - 2024; Team - 2022)**
 - **Asian Grand Prix Circuit: 2 Gold (Individual - 2024; Team – 2024)**
- iii. Ms. Salima Tete, Hockey – She won the Bronze medal in Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, 2022.**
- iv. Ms. Nikki Pradhan, Hockey – She won the Bronze medal in Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, 2022.**
- v. Ms. Sangeeta Kumari, Hockey – She won the Bronze medal in Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, 2022.**
- vi. Sh. Dinesh Kumar, Lawn Bowls – He won the Silver medal in Commonwealth Games, 2022.**
- vii. Sh. Chandan Singh, Lawn Bowls – He won the Silver medal in Commonwealth Games, 2022.**

- viii. **Sh. Sunil Bahadur, Lawn Bowls – He won the Silver medal in Commonwealth Games, 2022.**
- ix. **Ms. Rupa Rani Tirkey, Lawn Bowls – She won the Gold medal in Commonwealth Games, 2022.**
- x. **Ms. Lovely Choubey, Lawn Bowls – She won the Gold medal in Commonwealth Games, 2022.**

B. International Achievements of Para-athletes from the State of Jharkhand:

- i. **Ms. Rupa Rani Tirky - Lawn Bowl, Gold medal in Commonwealth Games, 2022, 1 Gold and 1 Silver in Asian Championships, 2023 and 1 Bronze in Asian Championship, 2024.**
- ii. **Ms. Lovely Chawbey - Lawn Bowl, 1 Gold medal in Commonwealth Games, 2022, 1 gold and 1 silver in Asian Championships, 2023**
- iii. **Sh. Chandan Kumar Singh, Lawn Bowl- Silver medal in Commonwealth Games, 2022, Asian Championship, 2023 1 Bronze and 1 Gold medal in Asian Championship, 2024.**
- iv. **Sh. Sunil Bahadur, Lawn Bowl - 2024 Asian championship 1 Gold, 2023 Asian Championship - Bronze and Commonwealth Games - 1 Silver.**
- v. **Sh. Dinesh Kumar, Lawn Bowl - 1 Silver in Commonwealth Games, 2022, 1 Bronze in Asian Championships, 2023.**

C. International Achievements of Khelo India Athletes from the State of Jharkhand for FY 2024-25

Name of Athlete	Gender	Discipline	Medal		
			Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ms. Rajni Kerketta	Female	Hockey	1	0	0
Ms. Beauty Dungdung	Female	Hockey	1	0	0
Ms. Binima Dhan	Female	Hockey	1	0	0
Sh. Babulal Hambram	Male	Weightlifting	0	1	0
Sh. Babulal Hembrome	Male	Weightlifting	1	0	0
Sh. Babulal Hembrom	Male	Weightlifting	0	1	0

D. STC Ranchi, Athletes achievements:

Name of the Athlete	Discipline	Competition	Achievement
Ms. Nitu Linda	Football	South Asian Football Federation U 19 2024	Gold
		Asian Football U 20 2023	Participation
		South Asian Football Federation U 20 2023	Participation
Ms. Anjali Munda	Football	Asian Football Confederation U 20 2023	Participation
		South Asian Football Confederation U 20 2023	Participation
		FIFA World Cup Women's U 17 2022	Participation

E. STC Hazaribagh Athletes achievements:

Name of the	Discipline	Competition	Achievement
Sh. Ujjwal Dhama	Archery	Cadet World Championship, 2023	Bronze

F. Some other Athletes from Jharkhand who have performed well in the discipline of Hockey:

Name of the Athlete	NCOE	Competition	Achievement
Ms. Dipika Soreng	NCOE Delhi	Asian Games	Participation
		Asia Cup	Gold
		Junior World Cup	Participation
Ms. Beauty Dungdung	NCOE Bengaluru	Junior Asia Cup	Gold
		Junior World Cup	Participation
Ms. Binima Dhan	NCOE Bengaluru	Junior Asia Cup	Gold
Ms. Rajni Karketta	NCOE Bengaluru	Junior Asia Cup	Gold
Ms. Ropni Kumari	NCOE Bhopal	Junior World Cup	Participation
Ms. Mahima Tete	NCOE Bengaluru	Junior World Cup	Participation
