

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †131
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

Special Scheme for Youth in the field of Sports

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

(a) the details of the special schemes being implemented by the Government to encourage young talent in the field of sports;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure effective implementation of the said schemes; and

(c) whether the Government is taking any special initiatives under the 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana' and 'Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme' to create employment opportunities for the youths of the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development and encouragement of sports among youth in the country, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments, and the Central Government only supplements their efforts. However, the Government is running various sports promotional schemes across the country. These schemes include: (i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs); (iii) Cash 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 Scheme; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI). Details of

these schemes are available in the public domain on the website of the Ministry at <https://yas.nic.in/>. All these schemes are subject to periodic reviews and audits for their effective implementation.

Further, Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) with an aim to improve the employability of the candidates across the country by providing quality training in National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) aligned job roles based on demand from the industries in relevant sectors. Similarly, Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was launched with an objective to generate employment opportunities in rural as well as urban areas of the country through setting up of new self-employment ventures/projects/micro enterprises and to bring together widely dispersed traditional artisans/ rural and urban unemployed youth for giving them self-employment opportunities to the extent possible, at their place.
