

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 196
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

Improvement of Sports Infrastructure in Rural Areas of Kerala

196. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) the details of the key initiatives the Government is currently implementing to empower youth across the country, especially in Kerala;**
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the infrastructure for sports in rural areas in Kerala; and**
- (c) whether the Government plans to implement new scheme for the promotion of sports development programmes for differently-abled youth, if so, the details thereof?**

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

(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including development of sports infrastructure and youth empowerment, implementation of new schemes for the promotion of sports development programmes for differently-abled youth in the country, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes to promote sports in the country, including in the State of Kerala:

- (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 Welfare Program for Sportspersons; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and of Sports Authority of India (SAI).

Under the “Creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure” component of the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry renders financial support for creation of basic sports infrastructure such as sports complex, synthetic athletic tracks, synthetic hockey fields, synthetic turf football grounds, multipurpose halls, swimming pools, etc. along with sports equipment. Further, under National Sports Development Funds (NSDF), Government supports various institutions and individuals for creation and upgradation of sports facilities across the country, including in the State of Kerala. The details of the sports infrastructure sanctioned under Khelo India Scheme and NSDF, across the country, including in the State of Kerala, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in> and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements various schemes to promote youth empowerment in the country, including in the State of Kerala viz (i) Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat); (ii) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS); (iii) National Service Scheme (NSS). Further details may be seen on <https://yas.gov.in/youth-affairs>.
