# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

### LOK SABHA

## UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2707 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

**Sports University** 

#### **2707. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that Kerala has produced numerous Olympians and has a strong legacy in sports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government recognizes the need for a dedicated sports university in Kerala to nurture talent and provide advanced training facilities, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is willing to consider establishing a sports university in Chalakudy Parliamentary Constituency, Kerala, utilizing the Central Government-owned land at Koratty (Central Government Press land);

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to initiate the process and the expected timeline for the same; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not utilizing this available land for such a significant project that can contribute to national sports development?

### ANSWER

# THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS [DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware that Kerala has produced numerous Olympians and has a rich history of producing world class athletes like P.T. Usha, T.C. Yohannan, Anju Bobby George, Renjith Maheswary etc..

(b) to (e) No proposal is currently under consideration of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for setting up a dedicated sports university in the State of Kerala. The National Sports University (NSU) has been set up in 2018 at Imphal in Manipur through the National Sports University Act, 2018 to cater to students and athletes from all the States/UTs of the country, including Kerala.

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