

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3814
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

Athlete Dropout in Khelo India Scheme

3814. Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a significant number of athletes have dropped out of the Khelo India Scheme with main reasons being the lack of academic support alongside training;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to establish an integrated institution that combines sports training with academic education also;**
- (c) if so, the details of such institutions, State-wise; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

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

(a) to (d) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including establishing an integrated institution that combines sports training with academic education, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The weeding out of Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) is a continuous and methodical process, conducted regularly through assessments. Additionally, the support extended to KIAs includes an educational allowance. For the financial year 2024-25, a total of 163 KIAs were weeded out based on these periodic evaluations. Further, this Ministry has established the National Sports University (NSU) at Imphal, Manipur, which is a first of its kind university, to promote education in the areas of Sports Sciences, Sports Technology, Sports Coaching, besides functioning as the national training centre for selected sports disciplines.

Besides the NSU, the Government also runs the Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) at Gwalior, Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports (NSNIS) at Patiala, Punjab, and Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE) at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, which are premier sports and physical education training-cum research institutes in the country.
