

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 99
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

Sports Science Infrastructure in Tamil Nadu

99. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

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

- (a) whether the Central Government is aware of the need for well-equipped sports science centres in the country, particularly in the fields of biomechanics, nutrition, and psychology, which are essential for the training and development of athletes;**
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Central Government to assist Tamil Nadu in the establishment of additional said centres, to meet the growing demand for such services;**
- (c) whether financial support or incentives are available under the Khelo India Programme or any other central schemes for the establishment and operationalization of said centres in the said State;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Central Government has any plans to encourage public-private partnerships for the development of sports science infrastructure in the said State?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Yes Sir, Athlete performance is closely tied to sports science, which enhances skills, prevents injuries, and ensures overall physical and mental well-being. The scheme of National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR), run by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, aims to

support high-level research education and innovation with respect to the high performance of elite athletes. Under the Scheme, this Ministry set up the NCSSR at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Sports Authority of India (SAI), New Delhi as the Hub and support in providing sports science equipment to SAI's 11 National Centres of Excellence and 2 High-Performance Centres, act as Spokes. Further, this Ministry also supports (funding) the setting up of the Sports Sciences Department in the six selected Universities/Institutions across the country including Annamalai University from Tamil Nadu. These selected Universities/Institutions are conducting Master's Degree/Ph.D programs in the field of sports science subjects like Sports Biochemistry, Sports Biomechanics & Performance Analysis, Sports Nutrition, Sports Physiology, Sports Psychology, Sports Training Methods/Fitness Management and Sports Physiotherapy.

Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu has also been identified as the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) where financial support provided to them for sports science equipment.
