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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1155 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025

New Sports Policy

†1155. Shri Damodar Agrawal:
Dr. Manna Lal Rawat:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new sports policy for the development of sports and sportspersons in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the timeline set by the Government for implementation of the said policy;
- (d) the sports likely to be prioritized by the Government under the proposed policy;
- (e) whether the Government has received suggestions to specially promote Lacrosse sport; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has introduced a new sports policy titled "Khelo Bharat Niti-2025" on 01.07.2025 for promotion and development of sports and sportspersons across the country. Details

of which is available in the public domain on website of this Ministry at the following link https://yas.nic.in/sites/default/files/Khelo-Bharat-Niti-2025 0.pdf

- (c) & (d): Implementation of any policy is a continuous process, however, Khelo Bharat Niti-2025 lays down a comprehensive implementation strategy encompassing:
 - To establish a robust regulatory framework for sports governance, including legal framework.
 - To develop innovative financing mechanisms and engage private sector participation through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).
 - To leverage emerging technologies, including AI and data analytics, for performance tracking, research, and program implementation.
 - To create a national framework with well-defined benchmarks, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and time-bound targets.
 - To serve as a model for States and Union Territories, encouraging them to revise or formulate their own policies in alignment with national objectives.
 - To adopt whole-of-Government approach by calling for integration of sports promotion into the activities, schemes, and programs of all Ministries and Departments to achieve a holistic impact.

The Khelo Bharat Niti-2025 doesn't prioritized any specific sports, however, it supports development of all sports/games across the country.

- (e): No suggestions to specially promote Lacrosse sport was received during the consultation phase of the Khelo Bharat Niti-2025.
- (f): Doesn't arise in view of reply given in part (e) above.
