

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1227
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025**

Allocation of Funds under Sports Promotion Schemes in Tamil Nadu

1227. Ms. S Jothimani:

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

(a) the details of the funds allocated by the Government under various central sports promotion schemes during the last five years, State/UT-wise, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the breakup of sports funding in Tamil Nadu, including allocations made for infrastructure development, training facilities and grassroots sports promotion, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any review or assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of fund utilisation across the country including Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any special focus given to rural and semi-urban areas in Tamil Nadu to improve access to sports facilities and opportunities; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to enhance district-level sports infrastructure, coaching support and talent identification mechanisms in Tamil Nadu, especially in underrepresented districts and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (e): Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise/ District-wise. However, under the component “Creation and Up-gradation of Sports Infrastructure” of the Khelo India Scheme, 328 sports infrastructure projects (including 05 projects in the State of Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned at cost of Rs. 29.50 Crore). Details of these projects are available at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in/> . Further, the schemes/programmes of the Ministry are reviewed periodically as per the existing guidelines of the Government for their effective implementation.

To promote sports in rural areas in the country including in the state of Tamil Nadu, a dedicated component “Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games” is implemented under Khelo India Scheme. Further, 38 Khelo India Centres (KICs) are being run in the state of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu also has one (01) Khelo India State Centre of Excellence for Boxing, Athletics and Fencing. The details of these centres are available at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in> . Additionally, there are Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centres at Salem, Chennai and Mayiladuthurai, and Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA) Schools at Ambur and Thanjavur.
