

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3524  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025**

**Rural Women participation in Sports in Tamil Nadu**

**3524. Shri Selvam G:  
Shri C N Annadurai:  
Shri Navaskani K:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken specific initiatives to encourage greater participation of women in sports in the country, particularly in the State like Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) the details of schemes or programmes in place to support women athletes from Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and backward regions of Tamil Nadu;**
- (c) the number of women athletes from Tamil Nadu, including those from SC/ST communities, selected under the Khelo India Scheme or other schemes during the last five years;**
- (d) the number of rural women athletes from Tamil Nadu participated in National/State-level competitions under Government-supported schemes during the last five years; and**
- (e) whether there is any proposal of the Government to establish exclusive training centres or sports academies for women, especially from underprivileged backgrounds in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?**

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

**(a) and (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including specific initiatives to encourage greater participation of women in sports from Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and backward regions in the State of Tamil Nadu, rests primarily with the**

**State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes to promote sports, including in the State of Tamil Nadu:**

- (i) Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports;**
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations;**
- (iii) Cash Incentive to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches;**
- (iv) National Sports Awards;**
- (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons;**
- (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons;**
- (vii) National Sports Development Fund (NSDF); and**
- (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI).**

**Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and SAI.**

**In addition, the ‘Sports for Women’ vertical under ‘Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports’ component of the Khelo India Scheme, is specifically dedicated to encouragement of women in sports across the country.**

**(c) The number of women athletes, including those belonging to SC/ST communities, selected under the Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI, including from the State of Tamil Nadu, over the past five years are as under:**

<b>FY</b>	<b>No. of Women Athletes</b>
<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>110</b>

**The number of women athletes, including those belonging to SC/ST communities, selected under the Khelo India Scheme, including from the State of Tamil Nadu, over the past five years are as under:**

<b>FY</b>	<b>No. of Women Athletes</b>
<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>101</b>

<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>199</b>

**(d) The number of rural women athletes from Tamil Nadu participated in Khelo India Games under Khelo India Scheme during the last five years are at Annexure-I.**

**(e) In order to provide focused support to women sportspersons across the country, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has established exclusive sports training centres for women at five locations across the country, namely:**

- NCOE Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh) – 51 women athletes (Kabaddi & Volleyball)**
- STC Badal (Punjab) – 71 women athletes (Athletics, Boxing, Hockey & Volleyball)**
- STC Thalassery (Kerala) – 92 women athletes (Athletics, Fencing, Gymnastics, Volleyball & Wrestling)**
- STC Solalgaon – 52 women athletes (Boxing, Football & Weightlifting)**
- STC Madikeri – 50 women athletes (Hockey)**

**Further, in the State of Tamil Nadu, a total of 38 Khelo India Centres (KICs) have been established across 37 districts. These centres support multiple sports disciplines including Athletics, Football, Hockey, Fencing, and Judo, among others. Out of 38 sanctioned Past Champion Athletes (PCAs), 37 (19 male, 18 female) are actively engaged in coaching, and 773 out of 1,558 athletes currently training in these centres are women. The details of the same is available at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/>. In addition, 20 Khelo India Accredited Academies are operational in Tamil Nadu, where women athletes also receive training and support under the Khelo India scheme. Further, the details can also be found at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/>.**

**ANNEXURE-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3524 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025 REGARDING “RURAL WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS IN TAMIL NADU” ASKED BY SHRI SELVAM G, SHRI C N ANNADURAI AND SHRI NAVASKANI K HON’BLE MEMBERS OF LOK SABHA.**

**List of Women Participation in Khelo India Games from Tamil Nadu**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Total Participation</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>KISG 2018</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>KIYG 2019</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>KIYG 2020</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>KIYG 2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>KIYG 2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>KIYG 2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>5071</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>KIYG 2025</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>KIUG 2020</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>KIUG 2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>KIUG 2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>KIUG 2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>KIPG 2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>KIPG 2025</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>KIWG 2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>KIWG 2025</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>KIBG 2025</b>	<b>2025</b>

\*\*\*\*\*