

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3550  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025**

**Inclusive Sports for Differently-Abled Youth**

**3550. Shri Baijayant Panda:**

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

- (a) the current reach of schemes like Khelo India Para Sports for differently-abled youth across States and districts;**
- (b) the assessments done on barriers faced by differently-abled athletes;**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to introduce adaptive sports technologies and coach training under these schemes; and**
- (d) whether there is a proposal by the Government to increase funding or partnerships to expand inclusive sports nationwide with clear targets?**

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

**(a) to (d) Under the Khelo India Scheme, the Government is actively promoting inclusive sports by supporting talented differently-abled athletes through specialized training, coaching, international exposure, and access to world-class facilities. A total of 83 para-athletes have been identified under the scheme, each receiving ₹6.28 lakh annually, including a ₹10,000 monthly out-of-pocket allowance. To provide inclusive competitive opportunities, the Ministry organizes Khelo India Para Games alongside other national-level events. The 2nd edition of Khelo India Para Games, held in March 2025 in New Delhi, featured over 1,200 athletes across six para-sports disciplines.**

**The Government has taken several steps to promote the adoption of adaptive sports technologies and enhance coach training for differently-abled athletes. Sports Authority of India (SAI) has established a dedicated Para Sports Centre under the National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) scheme**

**at its Regional Centre in Gandhinagar. This centre currently provides specialized training in Athletics, Swimming, Powerlifting, and Table Tennis for para-athletes. In addition, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has established a Center for Disability Sports in Gwalior, equipped with state-of-the-art training amenities tailored for differently-abled athletes. Furthermore, all sports facilities are mandated to adhere to the guidelines outlined in "Accessible Sports Complex and Residential Facilities for Sports Persons with Disabilities," ensuring comfort and accessibility for athletes with disabilities. Further, under the Khelo India Scheme and through the support of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), customized equipment and training aids are being provided. Additionally, specialized training modules for coaches in para-sports are being developed in collaboration with recognized sports federations.**

**The Government has approved the National Sports Policy 2025 (Khelo Niti 2025), which aims to promote inclusive sports across the country. The policy encourages increased funding and partnerships, including public-private partnerships and CSR initiatives, to support participation of women, persons with disabilities, and marginalized communities. It also provides for clear targets through state-level alignment, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and regular monitoring mechanisms.**

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