

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025**

KIRTI Programme in Maharashtra

3614. Ms. Praniti Sushilkumar Shinde:

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

- (a) the number of Talent Assessment Centres (TACs) currently operational under the KIRTI (Khelo India Rising Talent Identification) programme in the State of Maharashtra;**
- (b) the total number of children assessed and selected from Maharashtra through the said initiative since its inception;**
- (c) whether there are any plans to expand the number of TACs in Maharashtra, especially in rural and tribal districts; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure equitable access to KIRTI Assessment Centres across all socio-economic backgrounds in Maharashtra?**

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

(a) to (d) Project Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) is a nationwide mass talent identification programme for grassroots level athletes. Under this, athletes between the age group 09 to 18 years i.e. school-going age are assessed for Khelo India disciplines through talent assessment drives.

Under KIRTI, talent identification is a continuous process and assessment drives are conducted in identified Talent Assessment Centres located in rural, tribal and other districts. Currently, under KIRTI, talent assessment drives are not being carried out at any Talent Assessment Centre. However, in the State of Maharashtra during KIRTI phase 1 and 2, a total of 25,434 athletes were assessed across 09 Talent Assessment Centres.

Further, KIRTI talent assessment drives are conducted across talent assessment centres which are open across to all socio-economic backgrounds in the country.
