

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †79
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

Financial Assistance and Training Facilities for the Players of Chhattisgarh

†79. Smt. Roopkumari Choudhary:

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

- (a) the total number of players provided training and assistance at the National and International levels under the Khelo India Scheme;**
- (b) the details of the training imparted and assistance provided to the players in various States under the said scheme;**
- (c) the details of the training facilities and financial assistance provided to the players of Chhattisgarh till date under the said scheme;**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the development sports facilities and academics under the said scheme in Chhattisgarh; and**
- (e) the details of the plans/schemes likely to be implemented by the Government in future to provide better training and assistance to the players of Chhattisgarh and other States?**

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

(a) As on date, a total of 2808 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) are being provided training and assistance under the Khelo India Scheme.

(b) to (d) Under the component “Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies” of Khelo India Scheme, the identified talents are given option to join the accredited Khelo India academies and each Khelo India Athlete (KIA) receives funding of up to ₹6.28 lakh per annum. This support includes specialised training, access to world-class facilities, participation in international competitions, and a monthly out-of-pocket allowance of ₹10,000. The details of KIAs under the Khelo India Scheme, across the

country, including in the State of Chhattisgarh, and funds released to them as OPA, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in>.

Further, this Ministry has sanctioned 8 sports infrastructure projects, notified 33 Khelo India Centres, 1 Khelo India State Centre of Excellence and accredited 6 sports academies in the State of Chhattisgarh, under the Khelo India Scheme.

(e) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements the following schemes for the promotion of sports in the country, including training and assistance to the players of Chhattisgarh and other States:

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

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.
