

**Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1234  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025**

**Staff and fund shortage at SAI**

**1234 Adv. Adoor Prakash:**

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

**(a) whether the Government noted the concerns raised by the Parliamentary Standing Committee over severe shortage of funds and staff for the better functioning of Sports Authority of India (SAI);**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether a number of sanctioned posts are lying vacant in SAI, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**

**(d) the details of the measures taken by the Government to address these issues; and**

**(e) the details of projects proposals received, approved, amount funds provided and utilized under 'Khelo India' scheme since its inception, State/UT-wise?**

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
[DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]**

**(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government has taken note of the observations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee regarding the shortage of funds and staff in the Sports Authority of India (SAI).**

**The budget allocation to SAI is based on the proposals submitted by them for the respective financial year. Any additional requirements**

**that arise during the year are examined at the RE stage and, where appropriate, considered through supplementary grants.**

**A total of 1,191 posts are lying vacant in the SAI. The recruitment process of certain posts has already been initiated.**

**(e) 'Sports' being a State Subject, the responsibility of promotion of sports rests primarily with the respective State/UT Governments. Central Government supplements efforts of the State/UT Governments for bridging critical gaps in sports infrastructure. Further, receiving of proposals under Khelo India Scheme is an ongoing process. The details of the sports infrastructure projects approved and their physical and financial progress, under Khelo India Scheme across the country, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in>.**

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