

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.186
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025**

**Development of Employment-oriented Skill and Employment
Opportunities**

†186. Shri Tariq Anwar:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any special plan for developing employment oriented skills and creating employment opportunities for the youth in extremely backward districts like Katihar;**
- (b) the nature of timeline being worked upon by the Government to develop new stadiums, district level sports academies and open grounds under 'Khelo India' in Bihar;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering for bringing a comprehensive policy for youth and sportspersons in coordination with the Government of Bihar so as to find a permanent solution for this crisis; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) Yes. The Government has formulated and is implementing several special plans and programmes for developing employment-oriented skills and creating employment opportunities for the youth, including in extremely backward districts such as Katihar.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is having an autonomous body named Mera Yuva Bharat and Mera Yuva Bharat Portal, which provides Experiential Learning Programmes (ELP) in areas such as

Post Office, Jan Aushadhi Kendras and Cyber Security to promote soft skill development for youth. Under the Annual Action Plan 2025-26, the programme “Vocational Training – Skills for Success” focuses on soft skills, communication skills and life skills to enhance employability. The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) also conducts training programmes in life skills, leadership, capacity building, academic programmes and placement support.

Further, the Government is implementing employment generation schemes such as the Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs) and the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

Under the Skill India Mission (SIM), youth receive opportunities for skill, re-skill and up-skill training through schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS). The Prime Minister’s package announced in Budget 2024-25 aims to facilitate employment and skilling opportunities for the youth over a five-year period.

The National Career Service (NCS) Portal provides job matching, career counselling and vocational guidance, while the Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE) supports skill development and entrepreneurship through Livelihood Business Incubators.

(b) No such proposal under consideration in this Ministry. However, in timeline of completion of Infrastructure projects sanctioned under Khelo India Scheme is two years from the date of its Sanction.

(c) & (d) No such proposal for a policy in coordination with Govt of Bihar is under consideration. In context of youth empowerment, the ‘draft National Youth Policy 2025’ is in the process which is targeted for a comprehensive framework to guide programmes and initiatives for the development of youth. Department of Sports, however, has promulgated ‘Khelo Bharat Niti’ on 1st July, 2025 which inter-alia

envisages to harness sports to drive economic growth. Details of the same are available on the website of the Ministry.

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