

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 194
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025**

Identified Talent in Jalgaon under KI and TOPS

194. Smt. Smita Uday Wagh:

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

(a) whether sportspersons from the Jalgaon Lok Sabha Constituency of Maharashtra identified or supported under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) or other national sports programmes;

(b) if so, the details of athletes, sporting disciplines and the nature of assistance provided;

(c) whether the Government has set any specific target or plan for strengthening sports infrastructure, coaching facilities and talent identification in Jalgaon under the schemes such as Khelo India (KI) and TOPS;

(d) if so, the details of ongoing or proposed infrastructure projects and financial allocations; and

(e) the details of the achievements made so far and the roadmap for integrating smaller districts like Jalgaon into the national high-performance sports ecosystem, particularly in view of India's proposed 2036 Olympic ambitions?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) from Jalgaon district of Maharashtra, one each in Athletics and Cycling, are being supported under Khelo India Scheme. Under the component "Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies" of Khelo India Scheme, the KIAs are given option to join the accredited Khelo India academies and also provided financial assistance of Rs. 6.28 Lakh per annum [including Rs 1.20 Lakh as Out of Pocket

Allowance (OPA)] towards training expenses, coaching, competitions exposure, education, equipment support, scientific support etc.

(c) to (e) Schemes of this Ministry are demand driven and no targets are set. The proposals received from the State/UT Government and other eligible entities are considered for financial support, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under the scheme in line with the twin object of mass participation & promotion of excellence in sports to infuse sport culture in the country. The details of the sports infrastructure projects approved and their sanctioned cost, funds released and their physical and financial progress, under Khelo India Scheme and National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) across the country, including in the State of Maharashtra, are available in public domain on the dashboards of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in> and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>. Further, the Government has launched Khelo Bharat Niti 2025, which seeks to create an inclusive and robust sporting ecosystem that nurtures talent from the grassroots to the Olympic podium including Olympics 2036.
