

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1472
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026**

Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure

1472. SHRI MALVINDER SINGH KANG:

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

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided to the State of Punjab under the 'Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure' component of the Khelo India Scheme during the last three years and the current year, year and project-wise;

(b) the details of the sports infrastructure projects sanctioned for the Government schools and colleges in Punjab under the said scheme during the said period;

(c) whether the Government monitors the implementation of central schemes and the steps taken by the State Government of Punjab to provide employment or educational incentives to international and national-level sportspersons to encourage youth participation in sports; and

(d) if so, the details of outcomes achieved by Punjab through the integration of Central and State initiatives, including the number of sportspersons who have received job placements or educational benefits with Union Government support?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) Funds are released Scheme-wise and not State-wise or component-wise in this Ministry. Details of funds released under Khelo India Scheme across the country, including in the State of Punjab, including for sports

infrastructure and development projects during the last three years and the current year are as under:

(amount in ₹ crore)

| Year | Funds released under Khelo India Scheme |
|----------------|--|
| 2022-23 | 596.39 |
| 2023-24 | 872.20 |
| 2024-25 | 620.75 |
| 2025-26 | 628.91 |
| | (as on 15.01.2026) |

(b) The details of the sports infrastructure projects approved, including sports complexes, and their sanctioned cost, funds released and their physical and financial progress, under the Khelo India Scheme since its inception, across the country, including in the State of Punjab, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in>.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports regularly monitors the progress and implementation of its various sports development schemes through a multi-layered oversight mechanism. This process involves periodic performance reviews, submission of monthly progress reports by implementing agencies, and onsite inspections to ensure the efficient utilization of funds and the timely completion of projects under the Khelo India Scheme and other flagship initiatives.

Further, 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including providing employment or educational incentives to international and national-level sportspersons to encourage youth participation in sports, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports in the country, including in the State of Punjab:

- (i) Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports;**
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs);**
- (iii) Cash Incentives to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their coaches;**
- (iv) National Sports Awards;**
- (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons;**
- (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons;**

- (vii) National Sports Development Fund;**
- (viii) Running Sports Training centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI); and**
- (ix) National Centre for Sports Science and Research (NCSSR).**

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

One coach in the discipline of Weightlifting has been appointed in the Paralympic category from the State of Punjab. Further, 30 Past Champion Athletes (PCAs) are training various athletes in 29 Khelo India Centres (KICs) notified in the State of Punjab.
