

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2579
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026**

New NCoEs Proposal

2579. SHRI B Y RAGHAVENDRA:

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

- (a) the total number of National Centres of Excellence (NCoE) functioning under the Sports Authority of India (SAI), location-wise;**
- (b) the number of athletes currently get training at each NCoE, sport and centre-wise of the respective States which they belong;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish any new NCoE in the country and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the guidelines, eligibility criteria and prerequisites prescribed by the Government/SAI for establishing and operationalising a National Centre of Excellence?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) and (b): A total of 26 National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) have been established so far. The details of the same along with the location of each Centre and the number of athletes currently undergoing training at each NCOE across the country, are provided at Annexure.

(c) Sports being a State subject, the development of sports infrastructure, including identification of suitable training facilities, is primarily undertaken by the respective State Governments. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) periodically reviews and monitors existing sports facilities across the country, and proposals for

upgradation or development of such facilities, including National Centres of Excellence (NCoEs), are considered based on proposals received, technical feasibility and availability of funds.

(d) The opening of a new National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) is considered based on the following broad criteria:

- (i) Support and commitment from the State Government/other stakeholders;**
- (ii) Availability of adequate sports infrastructure meeting prescribed standards;**
- (iii) Sports potential of the region and past performance in the identified discipline(s);**
- (iv) Availability of qualified coaching and requisite support staff;**
- (v) Accessibility and connectivity of the proposed location;**
- (vi) Financial viability and availability of budgetary resources.**

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2579 FOR 09.03.2026 ASKED BY SHRI B Y RAGHAVENDRA REGARDING 'NEW NCoEs PROPOSAL'

DETAILS OF NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (NCOEs), LOCATION_WISE ALONG WITH DISCIPLINE-WISE NUMBER OF ATHLETES DURING 2025-2026

SN	Region/ Centre Name	State	Disciplines	No. of athletes
1	Alleppey	Kerala	Kayaking & Canoeing	57
			Rowing	65
			TOTAL:	122
2	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	Athletics	39
			Hockey	84
			Judo	121
			Judo (Para)	05
			Kayaking & Canoeing	42
			TOTAL:	291
3	Bangalore	Karnataka	Athletics	99
			Athletics (Para)	19
			Hockey	81
			Volleyball	23
			TOTAL:	222
4	Cooch Behar	West Bengal	Archery-Para	0
	(Yet to be Started)		Athletics-Para	0
			Football	0
			Volleyball	0
			TOTAL:	0
5	Chhatrapati Sambhajinar	Maharashtra	Archery	25
			Archery (Para)	04

SN	Region/ Centre Name	State	Disciplines	No. of athletes
			Boxing	34
			Fencing	44
			Fencing (Para)	07
			Gymnastics	18
			Hockey	34
			Weightlifting	49
			TOTAL:	215
6	Dharamshala	Himachal Pradesh	Kabaddi	30
			Volleyball	24
			TOTAL:	54
7	Guwahati	Assam	Archery	20
			Boxing	43
			Cycling	37
			Fencing	19
			Football	30
			Taekwondo	30
			TOTAL:	179
8	Gandhinagar	Gujarat	Athletics (Para)	26
			Badminton (Para)	12
			Fencing (Para)	15
			Handball	60
			Kabaddi	89
			Kho-Kho	30
			Powerlifting	12
			Swimming (Para)	16
			Table Tennis (Para)	16
			TOTAL:	276
9	Hamirpur	Himachal Pradesh	Athletics	20
			Badminton	11
			Boxing	16
			Hockey	14

SN	Region/ Centre Name	State	Disciplines	No. of athletes
			Judo	29
			Wrestling	27
			TOTAL:	126
10	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh	Archery	14
			Boxing	11
			Weightlifting	18
			Wushu	32
			TOTAL:	75
11	Imphal	Manipur	Archery	20
			Cycling	30
			Fencing	19
			Football	21
			Hockey	44
			Judo	20
			Weightlifting	23
			Wushu	42
			TOTAL:	219
12	Jagatpur	Odisha	Kayaking & Canoeing	61
			Rowing	43
			TOTAL:	104
13	Kolkata	West Bengal	Archery	44
			Archery (Para)	02
			Athletics	23
			Athletics (Para)	04
			Gymnastics	41
			Hockey	38
			Table Tennis	44
			TOTAL:	196
14	Kandivali	Maharashtra	Hockey	36
			Wrestling	50
			TOTAL:	86
15	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	Athletics	06
			Hockey	81

SN	Region/ Centre Name	State	Disciplines	No. of athletes
			Powerlifting	07
			Taekwondo	38
			Taekwondo (Para)	08
			Weightlifting	36
			Wrestling	33
			TOTAL:	209
16	Naranpura	Gujarat	Basketball	03
			Taekwondo	38
			Volleyball	0
			Wushu	0
			TOTAL:	41
17	Patiala	Punjab	Athletics	78
			Cycling	61
			Cycling (Para)	0
			Fencing	38
			Weightlifting	49
			TOTAL:	226
18	Rohtak	Haryana	Boxing	165
			TOTAL:	165
19	Sonepat	Haryana	Archery	82
			Archery (Para)	08
			Athletics	29
			Hockey	77
			Kabaddi	42
			Wrestling	65
			TOTAL:	303
20	Trivandrum	Kerala	Athletics	79
			Athletics (Para)	03
			Cycling	37
			Fencing	17
			Football	13
			Taekwondo	30
			Taekwondo (Para)	01

SN	Region/ Centre Name	State	Disciplines	No. of athletes
			Volleyball	47
			TOTAL:	227
21	Zirakpur	Punjab	Yet to be Started	0
			TOTAL:	0
22	Sigra	Uttar Pradesh	Boxing	0
	(Yet to be Started)		Fencing	0
			Shooting	0
			Wrestling	0
			TOTAL:	0
23	I.G.Stadium	Delhi	Cycling	23
			Gymnastics	35
			TOTAL:	58
24	MDCN Stadium	Delhi	Hockey	64
			TOTAL:	64
25	Dr. SPMSPC	Delhi	Swimming	24
			TOTAL:	24
26	Dr. KSSR	Delhi	Shooting	137
			Shooting (Para)	23
			TOTAL:	160