

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1341  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026**

**Promoting Sports and Physical Fitness in Gujarat**

**1341. Smt. Poonamben Hematbhai Maadam:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has taken initiatives to promote sports and physical fitness in Gujarat;**

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

**(c) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government for the development of sports infrastructure and youth programmes across the country, state/UT-wise; and**

**(d) the details of the number of sports infrastructure projects sanctioned in Gujarat under schemes such as Khelo India?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS**

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**(a) to (c) ‘Sports’ being a State subject, the responsibility for development of sports, including promotion of sports and physical fitness and development of sports infrastructure, rests primarily with the respective 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 promotion of sports in the country, including in the State of Gujarat:**

- (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.**

**In addition, the “Fit India Movement” component of the Khelo India Scheme aims to encourage citizens to adopt healthy lifestyles through regular physical activity, and promotes fitness awareness at the grassroots level via initiatives such as Fit India Week, Fit India Freedom Run, Fit India Quiz, and the Fit India Mobile App. The Movement has significantly contributed to fostering a culture of health and fitness among youth and the wider community across the country, including in the State of Gujarat.**

**Further, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes to promote youth programmes across the country, including in the States of Gujarat:**

- (i) Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat);**
- (ii) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS); and**
- (iii) National Service Scheme (NSS)**

**(d) The details of the sports infrastructure projects approved and their sanctioned cost, funds released and their physical and financial progress, under the Khelo India Scheme and National Sports Development Funds (NSDF), across the country, including in the State of Gujarat, 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>, respectively.**

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