

Construction of stadiums in rural areas

†2531. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to build stadiums at district level, especially in rural areas so that the youth in rural areas can hone their talent; and

(b) the details of the areas in the State of Bihar in which Government has formulated a scheme for the construction of stadiums under 'Khelo India' so that the youth belonging to these areas can get the opportunity to showcase their talent on national as well as international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) and (b) No Sir. Sports being a State subject the responsibility for promotion of sports, including building, stadiums at district level, rests with the State Governments. Central Government supports the efforts of State Governments by bridging gaps in infrastructure under Khelo India scheme. A project of Bihar State Sports Authority for construction of multipurpose indoor hall at Harish Chandra Playground, Nawada, Bihar was sanctioned under Khelo India scheme for ₹ 8.00 crore in the year 2018-19. First installment could not be released as the Bihar State Sports Authority did not activate the requisite online module for online release of grant by this Ministry.

Khelo India Programme in A.P.

2532. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up any programmes under Khelo India to promote sports in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the competitions organised and sports programmes taken up so far; and

(d) the amount of fund allocated and released under each programme, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) to (d) Details of sports development projects and programmes sanctioned for the State of Andhra Pradesh and funds released for the

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