386	Written Answers to 2	[RAJYA SABHA]	Unstarred Questions	
1			4	5
23.	Taekwondo	0	2	1
24.	Volleyball	2	7	2
25.	Weightlifting	29	21	9
26.	Wrestling	12	5	5
27.	Wushu	2	4	0
	Total	99	89	48

Stadia built in Bihar

†2558. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to build several new stadia to create respect for sports among sportspersons;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the number of new stadia decided to be built in the country and number of stadia to be built in Bihar, out of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject the responsibility for providing sports infrastructure, including construction of stadia rests with the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments. Central Government supplements efforts of the State Governments. There is no proposal under consideration of the Central Government to construct any stadia in the country, including in Bihar.

Selection process of players

†2559. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to make the selection process of the players effective for sports competitions and training through 'Khelo India' and

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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(b) the details of the measures taken and action plan formulated to ensure the outcome of the participation of India in the coming international sports competitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) For athletes identified and selected under Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry has put in place a two-tier structure consisting of Talent Scouting Committee (TSC) and Talent Identification and Development Committee (TIDC) for selection of players.

The players are selected/identified from various streams like Khelo India Games, National Championships conducted by the concerned National Sports Federations, School Games Federation of India, etc. Further, the players shortlisted by the TSC from various competitions of same/varied age groups are called for an assessment camp wherein the TIDC finally selects the talented players, who are then subjected to age verification test. The players who clear the age verification test are finally selected to the Khelo India Scheme with the approval of the High Powered Committee (HPC).

In individual events, usually position holders are inducted into the scheme whereas in team events short listing is done initially and then the selection takes place during the assessment camp.

(b) Preparation of Indian sportspersons/teams for international events is an ongoing process. The Union Government provides assistance to elite sportspersons preparing for major international events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games through its scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations. In order to improve India's performance at Olympics and Paralympics, this Ministry is implementing Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). Under the TOPS, the Government is extending all requisite support to probable athletes identified for 2020 Olympics and Paralympic Games including foreign training, international competitions, equipment, services of support staff/personnel like physical trainer, sports psychologists, mental trainer and physiotherapist besides out of pocket allowance of ₹ 50,000/- per month.

Youth Commissions in States/UTs

2560. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state: