

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF SPORTS AT VILLAGE LEVEL IN UTTAR PRADESH

1912. # SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR

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

- (a) whether Government is preparing any action plan to promote sports at the village level in the State of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating on the need for construction of new stadiums or sports complexes to increase participation of youth in sports and to encourage them towards this field; and
- (c) if so, whether there are any plans to construct new stadiums or sports complexes, especially in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

- (a) The 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' aims at strengthening the entire sports ecosystem to promote the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country, including the State of Uttar Pradesh. It focuses on broad-basing of sports amongst the youth of the country and promotion of sports activities throughout the country, including rural areas of Uttar Pradesh. One of the components of this Scheme, "Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games" is specifically dedicated to the sports activities in rural area of the country.
- (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the primary responsibility to promote sports at rural level and construction of new stadiums or sports complexes rests with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. However, this Ministry has sanctioned 293 sports infrastructure projects of various categories under the Khelo India Scheme across the country, including the rural areas based on proposals received from various State/UT Governments and other eligible entities. Out of these, 30 projects are located in the State of Uttar Pradesh.
- (c) There is no plan to construct new stadiums or sports complexes in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
