

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-952
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KHELO INDIA CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY

952 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any new initiatives to promote sports in the country in the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of having more and more Khelo India Centres in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to promote sports in the country, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) implements the following schemes for the promotion of sports in the country:

(i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) has established 23 National Centres of Excellence (NCoE) across the Country to impart specialized training to promising athletes by providing state of the art infrastructure and training facilities, sports science backup, individualized diet prescribed by trained nutritionists with overall supervision of the best coaches and qualified support staff.

- (c) 733 Khelo India Centres (KICs) have been notified across the country till date.