

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2067 #**  
ANSWERED ON- 08/08/2024

**SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE SPORTS AMONG YOUTHS IN RURAL AREAS**

2067 #. DR. BHIM SINGH

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any special scheme to encourage and promote sports among the youths of rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of youths selected so far under Khelo India Scheme, including from the State of Bihar, the district-wise and gender-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the facilities being provided by Government to train and impart skills to the selected youths under the above Scheme, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) and (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including scheme to encourage and promote sports among the youths of rural areas, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) implements the following schemes to promote sports in the country, including among the youths of rural areas:

(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 Welfare Program for Sportspersons; (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.

(c) District-wise and gender-wise details of number of youths selected so far under Khelo India Scheme, including from the State of Bihar, are available at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/>.

(d) Financial aid of ₹6.28 lakh annually is provided to Khelo India Athletes (KIAs), covering various needs like coaching, equipment, medical care and Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) of Rs. 10,000 per month through 302 accredited academies.

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