

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1269
ANSWERED ON- 05/12/2024

PROMOTION OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY

1269. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to promote the sports activities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) the annual budgetary allocation to promote sports activities in various State/UTs;
- (d) whether there is any new scheme for the purpose in the country, particularly for Puducherry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) and (b): Sports being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports rests primarily with the State/Union Territory governments, and the Central government only supplements their efforts. However, this Ministry is running various sports promotional schemes across the country. These schemes include: (i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs); (iii) Cash Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Scheme; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI). Details of these schemes are available in the public domain on the website of the Ministry.

(c) Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise. The budget allocated to Department of Sports under various schemes for the Financial Year 2024-25 is Rs. 2382.82 crore.

(d) and (e): There is no such proposal under consideration at present. However, Government has established 2 SAI Training Centres at Puducherry alongwith 04 Khelo India Centres (KIC) and 01 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE).
