

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 474 #
ANSWERED ON- 28/11/2024

IMPLEMENTATION OF KHELO INDIA SCHEME

474 # SHRI TEJVEER SINGH:

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

- (a) the current status of implementation of the Khelo India Scheme, and the number of sportspersons benefited under this scheme so far;
- (b) the steps taken for building up sports facilities and identification and training of sportspersons under this scheme;
- (c) whether Government has made any special collaboration with the State Governments for effective implementation of the Khelo India Scheme; and
- (d) whether Government is ensuring equal opportunities for sports development in rural and urban areas under the scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' was launched in 2016-17 with the twin objective of mass participation and promotion of excellence across the country. The scheme was revamped and approved for three years, from 2017-18 to 2019-20 at a financial outlay of Rs. 1756 crore. The scheme received an interim extension for one year up to 2020-21 with a budget of Rs. 328.77 crore and has been revised again and extended for an additional five years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26 at financial outlay of Rs. 3790.50 crore.

The Khelo India Scheme has contributed significantly in development of sports across the country by collaborating with the various State Governments. Key achievements include the approval of 323 new sports infrastructure projects, with a total sanctioned cost of Rs. 3073.97 crore, establishment of 1041 Khelo India Centres (KICs) aimed at training children, supporting former athletes, and enhancing grassroots sports infrastructure. Additionally, 32 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCEs) have been notified, and 301 academies have been accredited. The sports facilities supported under Khelo India Scheme are open to all citizens of the country. As on date 2781 Khelo India Athletes (KIA), are provided coaching, equipment, medical care, and a monthly Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA). The Khelo India Scheme is being implemented in both rural and urban areas of the country ensuring equal opportunities for sports development.
