

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1747**  
ANSWERED ON- 13/03/2025

**PROMOTION OF GRASSROOTS SPORTS**

1747. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH

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

- (a) the details of the measures taken by Government to promote grassroots sports and talent identification in rural and underserved areas of the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to improve budgetary provisions to promote grassroots sports and talent identification in rural and underserved areas of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including promotion of grassroots sports and talent identification in rural and underserved areas of the country, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps.

The identification and development of young sports talent in India is an ongoing process through various schemes of this Ministry through recognised National Sports Federations (NSFs) and the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous body under the aegis of this Ministry.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) implements the following schemes for the development of sports across the country, including grassroots sports promotion:

(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 (<https://yas.nic.in>) and the Sports Authority of India (<https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in>).

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