

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-475
ANSWERED ON- 06/02/2025

LOS ANGELES 2028 OLYMPICS

475 SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:
SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

(a) the manner in which the Ministry is planning to enhance the infrastructure and facilities for training Indian athletes in the lead-up to the Los Angeles Olympics;

(b) the manner in which the Ministry is working with the private sector and corporate sponsors to raise funding and support for India's Olympic preparation for 2028;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to establish a sports university in Bhiwani, Haryana, known as "Mini Cuba" for producing sportspersons which have brought laurels to the nation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a): Augmentation of sports infrastructure and sports facilities for preparing and training of the Indian Sportspersons and teams is an ongoing and continuous process. "Sports" being a State subject, primary responsibility for creation and development of sports infrastructure and facility is that of the State Governments. However, the State Governments are being supported by the Ministry under its Khelo India Scheme for sports infrastructure such as sports complex, synthetic athletic tracks, synthetic hockey fields, synthetic turf football grounds, multipurpose halls, swimming pools etc. The details of sports infrastructure created/developed in States for which the Ministry has provided support under Khelo India Scheme is available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at: <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in>

Further, Sports stadia and other sports facilities being managed by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are also being augmented and upgraded from time to time.

Training of athletes for forthcoming Olympics is being ensured at the sports facilities which are of international standard.

(b): The Government of India has adopted a holistic approach to prepare for the 2028 Olympics by actively engaging with private sector entities and corporate sponsors under CSR initiatives. Under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), the Government has been regularly interacting with the Corporate and Public Sector Undertakings requesting them to contribute to the NSDF and become active partners for the promotion of sports in the country. The NSDF serves as a vital channel to mobilize private contributions and corporate funding for sports development. Contributions from corporates to the fund are incentivized with tax benefits, encouraging greater participation. Funds raised through NSDF are utilized for providing international exposure & hiring world-class coaches.

(c) & (d): No, sir. At present, no such proposal is under consideration.
