

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-477#
ANSWERED ON 06/02/2025

PROMOTION OF SPORTS FACILITIES IN BIHAR

477#. SMT. DHARMSHILA GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether any place has been designated for promoting sports in Darbhanga or any nearby district in the State of Bihar;
- (b) whether there is any plan to promote various sports in a State like Bihar through any scheme under the Ministry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the manner in which the Ministry plans to provide better sports facilities in Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (d): ‘Sports’ being a State subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country, including the state of Bihar, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Central Government only supplements their efforts by running various sports promotional schemes across the country, such as (i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs); (iii) Cash Awards to 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 at <https://yas.nic.in/>.

Further, there are 38 Khelo India Centres and 1 Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (Patna) in the State of Bihar. Also, under the “Creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure” component of the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry renders financial support for creation of

basic sports infrastructure. The details of the sports infrastructure sanctioned under Khelo India Scheme, across the country, including 8 infrastructure projects in the State of Bihar, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in>.
