

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1115
ANSWERED ON- 13/02/2025

KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU

1115 SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) the features of the Khelo India scheme;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme within Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the target set and the achievements made so far along with its objectives and aim;
- (d) whether Government is providing government jobs to Khelo India medal winner athletes, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has launched KIRTI Programme under this scheme across the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) The Khelo India Scheme aims to infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence all over the country thus allowing the population to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development.

The 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' has the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports across the country. The Scheme has the following 05 components:

- i. Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure
- ii. Sports Competitions and Talent Development
- iii. Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies
- iv. Fit India Movement
- v. Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports

(b) The funds are allocated and released Scheme-wise, not State-wise, in this Ministry. Details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the Khelo India Scheme during the last three years and the current year are as under:

(in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds allocated	Expenditure incurred (as on 31.01.2025)
1.	2021-22	869.00	764.29
2.	2022-23	600.00	596.39
3.	2023-24	880.00	872.20
4.	2024-25	800.00	451.90

(c) The Khelo India Scheme is a demand-driven scheme. The proposals received from the State/UT Governments and other eligible entities are considered for financial support, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under the Scheme in line with the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports to infuse sports culture in the country. The achievements made so far under the Khelo India Scheme are at Annexure-I.

(d) The information regarding placement of Khelo India medal winners, in government jobs across the country, is not maintained in this Ministry.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. The Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) programme, under the Khelo India Scheme of this Ministry, highlights key features such as the focus on early talent identification for athletes aged 9 to 18 years, especially from remote areas, through the use of IT tools. The programme aims to implement a uniform, structured approach for grassroots talent identification across all States/UTs using common tests, while standardizing fitness and sports-specific assessments to establish a Bharat Benchmark.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1115 ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025 REGARDING KHELO INDIA SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU ASKED BY SHRI R. DHARMAR, HON'BLE MP, RAJYA SABHA

Major achievements under Khelo India Scheme

- i) Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure: 322 new sports infrastructure projects (222 complete and 100 ongoing) have been approved in 32 States / Union Territories at a total sanctioned cost of ₹ 3066.47 crore.
- ii) Annual Sports Competitions: Under this initiative, 15 editions of Khelo India Games have been organized i.e. 01 Khelo India School Games, 05 editions of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG), 04 editions of Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG), 04 editions of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) and 01 Khelo India Para Games (KIPG). These games have witnessed a total participation of more than 48639 athletes.
- iii) Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies: 33 KISCES have been approved in 32 States/UTs. These KISCES are being provided financial support in terms of manpower, sports equipment, sports science support, etc. will be provided after conducting viability gap analysis. Till date a total of 1045 Khelo India Centres (KIC) have been notified across the country. A total of 302 Academies accredited for training of athletes identified under the Khelo India.
- iv) Khelo India Talent Identification: Khelo India Talent Identification Development (KITD) is one of the most important verticals of the Khelo India Scheme. The country with vast diversity in terms of physical attributes offers immense opportunity to excel in the field of sports provided sporting talent is identified at right time and age-appropriate nurturing is done by coaches with the help of sports science support to achieve the objective winning medals in Olympics. The funding has been raised to Rs. 6,28,400/- per annum including an amount of Rs. 10000/- per month as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA). This is for all identified KIAs irrespective of their background. More than 2779 KIAs are currently getting supported across 21 sports disciplines.
- v) Fit India Movement: The objective is to make fitness an integral part of daily life of Indians by encouraging them to enrol and participate in Fitness Events/Activities such as marathons, cyclothons, runs and more, throughout the year, making it a People's Movement. Be it the Fit India Freedom Run in which 21 Crore citizens have participated over three editions across the country, or the Fit India Quiz, the only quiz on fitness and sports for school children, where 1 lakh students have registered to participate in the quiz - the interest in fitness has grown among all age groups. To motivate students further, the Fit India School Week is held every year in which more than 13.5 lakh students have participated so far in various fitness-related activities.
- vi) Sports for women: It aims at encouraging participation of women in sports through various activities. Under this initiative, various Khelo India Women's League – are being conducted. Till now women leagues have been organised in 20 sports disciplines across the country. Total 923 competitions have been organized for Women athletes more than 1,00,000 participants. This initiative has significantly increased women participation in sports across the nation and has provided ample opportunities to women athletes to compete, learn and grow in all age groups.
