

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 189
TO BE ANSWERED ON - 25.11.2024**

Strategy for increasing Medal Tally at the Olympics

189. SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:

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

(a) whether any roadmap/strategy has been formulated to increase the medal tally at the Olympics and increase the participation of Indian athletes from the current 15- 20 sports to all 32 listed sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the number of athletes getting trained through Khelo India in Karnataka;

(d) whether the Government plans to set up any new Khelo India centres in Karnataka and Dakshina Kannada in specific, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government plans to introduce traditional Indian sports under Khelo India; if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) & (b) Preparation for International events including Olympics is an ongoing and continuous process. Plans/Proposals of the National Sports Federations (NSFs) relating to training, competitive exposure, Coaches and support personnel including foreign coaches, for preparing sportspersons/teams for the international events including mega-sports events such as Olympics, Asian Games etc are

deliberated and finalized in the Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) meetings.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports supports the Indian sportspersons/teams through various schemes, such as Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations and Target Olympic Podium Scheme. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the National Sports Federations (NSFs), including the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are working in close coordination for providing best facilities, training, equipment support as also a wholesome nutritious diet required for preparation of the teams and sportspersons for the forthcoming international sports events, including Olympics.

Further, the selection for customized training of the elite athletes who are medal prospects for mega sports events is done through the Ministry's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC). A performance review is also held at regular intervals under this mechanism.

For participation in Olympics, qualification criteria/standards are fixed by the concerned International Federation of the respective sports disciplines and the participation in Olympics is dependent upon the sportspersons qualifying in the Olympic Qualifiers and meeting the criteria fixed by international federation.

(c) & (d) Under Khelo India Scheme, at present, a total of 1115 athletes, under various components of Khelo India Centres (KICs) are getting trained in the State of Karnataka. At present one KIC in Mangala Stadium, Mangalore in Dakshina Kannada, is already operational. Further, the details of all KICs notified till date, including in state of Karnataka, are available on the dashboard at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/state-wise-khelo-india-centers#>

(e) The traditional/indigenous sports are also supported under Khelo India Scheme. KICs have been notified in various traditional sports such as Kho Kho, Kabaddi, Mallakhamb, etc. Apart from this, indigenous games namely, Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta and Yogasana were included as competitive sports in the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 Haryana and Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Madhya Pradesh and also Mallakhamb and Yogasana were part of Khelo India University Games 2021 in Karnataka and Khelo India University Games 2022 in Uttar Pradesh. Recently, Silambam was included as a demo Sport in Khelo India Youth Games 2023, Tamil Nadu.
