

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2160
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024**

Initiatives under Khelo India Scheme

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

(a) the details of the Khelo India Scheme, including its objectives and key components aimed at promoting sports and physical fitness among the youth;

(b) whether specific initiatives under the Khelo India Scheme are being implemented to identify and nurture young talent in sports, particularly in rural and underprivileged areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the Government assess the effectiveness of the Khelo India Scheme in increasing participation in sports and improving athletic performance at both national and international levels;

(d) the number of beneficiaries and sports programmes supported under the Khelo India Scheme since its inception within Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance infrastructure and facilities for sports training and competitions in schools and communities as part of the Khelo India initiative?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) The 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' was launched in 2016-17 with the twin objective of mass participation and promotion of excellence across the country. The scheme was revamped and approved for three years, from 2017-18 to 2019-20 at a financial outlay of Rs. 1756 crore. The scheme received an interim extension for one year up to 2020-21 with a budget of Rs. 328.77 crore and has been revised again and extended for an additional five years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26 at financial

outlay of Rs. 3790.50 crore. The key components of the scheme include the following:

- 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.**

The components mentioned above includes the playfield development, community coaching programs, scholarships for talented athletes, promotion of rural and indigenous sports, support for women in sports, and leveraging sports for peace and development. The scheme seeks to integrate sports into the daily lives of citizens and establish India as a global sporting powerhouse.

(b) Under the component, “Sports Competition and Talent Development” of the Khelo India Scheme, talented sportspersons nationwide including in rural areas are identified as a Khelo India Athlete (KIA). Selection of these athletes is based on their outstanding performance in events such as the Khelo India Games, National Championships, and through open and transparent selection trials organized by the relevant National Sports Federations and the School Games Federation of India. Further, Under the component “Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies” of Khelo India Scheme, the identified talents are given option to join the accredited Khelo India academies and also provided financial assistance of Rs. 6.28 Lakh per annum [including Rs 1.20 Lakh as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA)] towards training expenses, coaching, competitions exposure, education, equipment support, scientific support etc.

(c) The Khelo India Scheme identifies and nurtures talent through its Khelo India Talent Development program by supporting athletes across 21 sports including para-athletics, based on specific guidelines and benchmarks. As on date, 2781 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) have been identified under the Scheme, who are provided support through coaching, equipment, medical care, and a monthly Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA). The KIAs training at various National Centres of Excellence (NCoEs) under the Sports Authority of India and other accredited academies are continuously strengthening the Nation’s sports talent pool. At the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, 124 out of 644 Indian athletes were KIAs, and they contributed significantly by winning 42 out of India’s 106 medals, including 9 Gold medals. For the Paris 2024 Olympics, 28 KIAs were part of the Indian contingent of 117 athletes, highlighting the program’s ongoing success and the critical role of KIAs in enhancing India’s performance in national and international sports events.

(d) The total number of athletes under various components of Khelo India, in the State of Tamil Nadu are as under:

S. N.	Khelo India Components	No. of Athletes
1	KIC	1558
2	KISCE	61
3	KIAA	36
Total		1655

**The details can be found in the URL:
<https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/khelo-india-center-dashboard>**

(e) 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 such as sports complex, synthetic athletic tracks, synthetic hockey fields, synthetic turf football grounds, multipurpose halls, swimming pools, etc. along with sports equipment across the country. The details of the sports infrastructure sanctioned under Khelo India Scheme are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in>. Further, State-wise details of Khelo India Athletes, Khelo India Centres and Accredited Academies under the Khelo India Scheme, are also available in the public domain at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/state-wise-khelo-india-centers>.
