

Need to provide Synthetic Athletic Running Track at Mogallapalem Indoor Stadium

SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY (NELLORE): Thank you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

Sir, sports play an important role for the overall development of an individual and also the nation. We have been making steady progress in sports in the last few years, and the recent success in Olympics and Paralympics is a testimony to that.

Sir, the country is happy that we are bidding for 2036 Olympics. Hence, there is a need to encourage young talent, and 'Khelo India' is one such initiative of the Government of India. It is welcome that the Government of India has extended 'Khelo India' till 2025-26 with a budget of Rs. 9,000 crore.

Sir, under 'Khelo India', a multipurpose indoor sports complex has been constructed at Mogallapalem in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh and is ready for inauguration. But the absence of synthetic athletic running track in this sports complex is creating problems for young athletes to practice and improve their talent and abilities.

So, a proposal for sanctioning of 400 metres of an 8-lane synthetic athletic running track at the above multipurpose indoor sports complex has been submitted to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports under the 'Khelo India' scheme. Hence, I request the hon. Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports for sanctioning of a synthetic athletic running track as early as possible. Thank you.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much. Now, the list is over but there are more than 50 Members of Parliament who want to raise their matters. So, if you kindly cooperate and confine your speeches to one minute by just putting your demands, so many Members of Parliament could be accommodated. So, kindly cooperate.

Now, Dr. Shashi Tharoor ji. Please conclude within one minute.