

Regarding need to provide financial assistance under Khelo India Scheme to Andhra Pradesh for strengthening sports infrastructure in the State-Laid

SHRI BASTIPATI NAGARAJU (KURNOOL): I wish to draw the attention of the Government to the need for strengthening sports infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centre in Kurnool has the foundational infrastructure but lacks essential amenities and modern training facilities. A key proposal is the laying of a 400-meter synthetic athletic track with six lanes at Adoni town in Kurnool district. In the year 2021-22 the proposal was submitted and the estimated cost for this proposal is 8 crores. This facility will significantly boost grassroots sports development and provide athletes especially from rural and underserved backgrounds access to high-quality training. It aligns perfectly with the objectives of the Khelo India Programme, which aims to build a strong sports ecosystem at the district level and promote excellence in sports. I therefore urge the Hon?ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports to sanction necessary funds under the Khelo India scheme for this project. This initiative will not only promote fitness and sports culture in the region but also pave the way for future international medal winners from Andhra Pradesh.