

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2318
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025**

Special Area Games Scheme

**2318 SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH:
SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD:
SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE:**

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

(a) whether the Government, under the Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has identified region-specific or indigenous sports and established Centres of Excellence across the country to nurture local sporting talent;

(b) if so, the details of the existing SAG Centres and the disciplines covered particularly those functioning in Maharashtra;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to promote indigenous sports such as Kabaddi, Mallakhamb, Kushti and other traditional games in Maharashtra through financial assistance, infrastructure development, coaching support and their inclusion under Khelo India scheme;

(d) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted proposals for setting up of new SAG Centres or Regional Sports Academies (RSA) dedicated to traditional sports along with the present status of these proposals; and

(e) the total funds allocated, released and utilised during the last five years under the SAG and Khelo India schemes for promoting indigenous and region-specific sports district-wise in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
[DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]**

(a) to (b): The Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme was operational from 1986 and was later merged with the SAI Training Centre (STC) Scheme in 2018–19 to ensure uniformity in the entitlements provided to athletes across different training schemes. Hence, No Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme is presently operational. The list of various disciplines being run under the STC Scheme is provided at Annexure-I.

(c) ‘Sports’ being a State Subject, the responsibility of promotion of sports rests primarily with the respective State/UT Governments. Central Government supplements efforts of the State/UT Governments. The ‘Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games’ sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, is specifically dedicated to the development and promotion of rural and indigenous games in the country. Indigenous games like Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana and Silambam have been identified for promotion under this component and were made part of Khelo India Games.

As on date 05 Khelo India Centres have been notified in the State to promote indigenous sports in the state of Maharashtra. KICs facilitate training for willing children, provide livelihood to the Past Champion Athletes as coaches and augment the utilization of existing infrastructure. The details of the KICs are provided at Annexure-II.

(d) No proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for setting up of new SAG Centres or Regional Sports Academies (RSA).

(e) Funds are allocated and released Scheme-wise and not State-wise under the Khelo India Scheme in this Ministry. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under Khelo India Scheme, since its inception across the country, including in the State of Maharashtra are as under:

Financial Year	Funds allocated	Expenditure incurred
2016-17	118.10	118.10
2017-18	350.00	346.99
2018-19	500.09	342.24
2019-20	578.00	575.52
2020-21	328.77	338.06
2021-22	869.00	764.29
2022-23	600.00	596.39
2023-24	880.00	872.20
2024-25	746.54	620.75

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2318 FOR 15.12.2025 ASKED BY SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH, SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD, SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, AND SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE REGARDING 'SPECIAL AREA GAMES SCHEME'.

DETAILS OF VARIOUS DISCIPLINES BEING RUN UNDER THE STC SCHEME IN THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

SN	Discipline(s)	SN	Discipline(s)	SN	Discipline(s)
1	Archery	11	Hockey	21	Swimming
2	Athletics	12	Judo	22	Table Tennis
3	Badminton	13	Kabaddi	23	Taekwondo
4	Basketball	14	Karate	24	Volleyball
5	Boxing	15	Kayak & Canoe	25	Weightlifting
6	Cycling	16	Kho-Kho	26	Wrestling
7	Fencing	17	Rowing	27	Wushu
8	Football	18	Sepaktakraw		
9	Gymnastics	19	Shooting		
10	Handball	20	Softball		

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2318 FOR 15.12.2025 ASKED BY SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH, SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD, SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, AND SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE REGARDING 'SPECIAL AREA GAMES SCHEME'.

KHELO INDIA CENTRES IN MAHARASHTRA

Districts	Name of the Centre	Sports Discipline
Amravati	RC Mumbai- Sri Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal	Mallakhamb
		Thang-Ta
Beed	District Sports Complex Executive Committee, Bid (Zilla KridaSankulSamitee)	Kabaddi
Mumbai Suburban	Sundesh Vidyalaya, Vikhroli Yaluka Kurla Mumbai	Kabaddi
Sindhudurg	District Sports Complex Executive Committee, Sindhudurg (Zilla KridaSankulSamitee)	Kabaddi
Washim	District Sports Complex Executive Committee, Washim	Kabaddi
