

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

**LOK SABHA
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Khelo India Youth Games

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

- (a) whether the Khelo India Youth Games were held in Panchkula, Haryana recently and if so, the details thereof along with the number of sports events conducted and the number of sportspersons participated;**
- (b) the total number of students selected for scholarship under Khelo India Scheme in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Andaman and Nicobar Islands during each of the last three years and the current year;**
- (c) the details of the benefits likely to be availed by the players through this scheme;**
- (d) whether the Government has been able to achieve the objective for which Khelo India Youth Games were organized and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) the number of youth who got training and preparedness for international events under Khelo India Scheme during each of the last three years; and**
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to encourage sports in remote under developed areas including villages?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR }**

(a) The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games, 2021 was organized in Panchkula, Haryana. The games were organized in single age category of under-18, in 25 sports disciplines including 05 indigenous games. A total of 4453 athletes participated in this event.

(b) The total number of students selected for scholarship under Khelo India Scheme from the State/Union Territory of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Andaman and Nicobar Islands during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:

S. No.	State/ UT	Number of Khelo India Athletes selected for scholarship (year-wise)					
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	7	0	0	0	0	7
2	Maharashtra	188	107	21	1	52	369
3	Tamil Nadu	74	52	11	0	38	175
Total		269	159	32	1	90	551

(c) Under the “Talent Search and Development” component of the Khelo India Scheme, an athlete once notified as Khelo India Athlete is entitled for Out of Pocket Allowance of ₹ 10,000/- per month to meet day to day expenses. Additionally, they are also eligible for benefits of ₹ 5.08 Lakh per annum towards Coaching, Education, Sports Science Support, Sports Kit, Medical insurance, Consumable Equipment, Boarding and Lodging if they opt to undergo training in any of the accredited academy under the Khelo India Scheme.

(d) The Khelo India Games have been organized under the Khelo India Scheme to provide a basic platform to showcase sporting skills and accordingly become a platform for talent spotting and providing development pathways for gifted and talented children to achieve excellence.

Till date, four editions of Khelo India School/Youth Games have been conducted. A total 562, 512, 537 and 507 talents have been identified in the Khelo India School Games New Delhi, 2018; Khelo India Youth Games, Pune, 2019; Khelo India Youth Games, Guwahati, 2020; and Khelo India Youth Games, Panchkula, 2021, respectively.

(e) The details of Khelo India Athletes getting support under Khelo India Scheme during the last three year and current year are as under:

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
No. of athletes	2773	2970	2573	2745

(f) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to encourage sports in remote under developed areas including villages, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes for development of sports in the country, including the rural areas across the country:

(i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.
