

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3218
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Khelo India Programme

3218. SHRI PRINCE RAJ:

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

(a) whether the Government has been introduced Khelo India Programme to revive the sports culture in the country at the grassroot level by building a strong framework for all sports played and establish India as a great sporting nation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government for talent search and development of sports played in the country especially in Bihar?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to achieving the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports, the Government introduced the Scheme of “Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports” in 2016-17. It is the flagship Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports which aims at infusing sports culture and achieving sporting excellence in the country thus allowing the populace to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence.

(c) ‘Sports’ being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including taking initiatives for talent search and development of sports played in the country, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. However, under the ‘Talent Search and Development’ sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, a total of 2510 Athletes are presently getting support under this scheme, out of which 11 Athletes belong to State of Bihar. In addition, under sports promotional

schemes of Sports Authority of India, an autonomous body under this Ministry, 7780 athletes are being supported, out of which 30 are from the State of Bihar.
