

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *230
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2023**

Sports Infrastructure

***230. SHRI GHANSHYAM SINGH LODHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to facilitate sports infrastructure in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for the same in Uttar Pradesh;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up central sports facilities in rural areas to encourage participation of youth in sports;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof including central sports facilities planned for rural areas in Uttar Pradesh; and**
- (e) if not, the future course of action proposed by the Government?**

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

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *230 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2023 REGARDING “SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE” ASKED BY SHRI GHANSHYAM SINGH LODHI, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA.

(a) to (e) ‘Sports’ being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including creation of sports infrastructure in rural areas to encourage participation of youth in sports, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government only supplements their efforts. However, this Ministry has approved 341 sports infrastructure projects of various categories across the country, including in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh. In addition, under the Khelo India Scheme of this Ministry, 1000 Khelo India Centres have been approved in 679 districts of 36 States/UTs and 32 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence have been notified in 31 States/UTs. Further, 296 sports academies have also been accredited in 23 States/UTs.

Apart, Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous body under aegis of this Ministry, also runs 23 National Centres of Excellence Centres, 69 SAI Training Centres, 26 Extension Centres and 68 National Sports Training Centres Scheme across the country, including in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh. Details of the above-mentioned sports facilities are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.
