

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2227
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

Development of Sports in Small Cities and STs Dominated Districts

2227. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan for development of sports specially in small cities and Scheduled Tribes dominated districts in the country;**
- (b) if so, whether any such centre is being approved on priority basis in Khargone Lok Sabha constituency in the State of Madhya Pradesh;**
- (c) if so, whether proper infrastructures are available for National and International players in centre in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh;**
- (d) whether any Stadium and Coach have been appointed in such centre in Khargone in Madhya Pradesh; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA }**

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including in small cities and Scheduled Tribes dominated districts in the country, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) implements the following schemes for the development of sports, to promote sports in the country, including in small cities and Scheduled Tribes dominated districts in 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 Welfare Program for Sportspersons; (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.

(b) to (e) Yes, Sir. Under the Khelo India Scheme, Khel Yuva Kalyan Vibhag Stadium Ground, Bistan Road, Khargone, has been notified as Khelo India Centre (KIC) in the discipline of Hockey in the Khargone Lok Sabha Constituency in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Under this scheme, Past Champion Athletes (PCAs) are recruited as Coaches to train and mentor the athletes in KICs. At present, 01 PCA is hired at KIC in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh.
