

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2266
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

**To Encourage Sports and Fitness among Women and Funds for Emerging
Sportspersons**

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided funds for the development of sports infrastructure in the country for the emerging sportspersons including Mandi, Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details of the projects alongwith the funds allocated thereto;**
- (c) whether the Government has initiated any measures to promote/encourage sports and fitness among the women in the tier-2 and tier-3 cities of the country, especially in the State of Maharashtra;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to build some new Sports Complex in the country especially in Delhi NCR?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) and (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including development of sports infrastructure, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts. However, under the "Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure" component of the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry has sanctioned one project, namely, Construction of Multipurpose Hall at Sundernagar, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, at a cost of Rs. 4.50 crore.

Till date, this Ministry has sanctioned 343 sports infrastructure projects of various categories in various States/ UTs across the country, including in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The details of the sports infrastructure sanctioned under Khelo India Scheme and NSDF, across the country, including in the State of Himachal Pradesh, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in> and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>.

(c) to (e) Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) implements the following schemes to promote/encourage sports and fitness in the country, including among the women in the tier-2 and tier-3 cities of the country and in the State of Maharashtra:

(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.

The Fit India Movement, a component of the Khelo India Scheme, aims to encourage citizens, including women in the tier-2 and tier-3 cities of the country, to adopt an active lifestyle and integrate physical activities into their daily routine. This initiative includes various programs, events, and awareness campaigns focused on fitness, sports, and overall well-being for people of all age groups. The Fit India Movement promotes physical activities through initiatives like the Fit India Quiz, Fit India Week, Cyclothon, and Freedom Run. These events engage citizens in exercise and raise awareness about fitness, fostering a national culture of well-being. The Ministry is committed to promoting a culture of fitness and well-being that is inclusive and accessible to everyone, regardless of age, gender, or socio-economic status.

Moreover, under the 'Sports for Women' sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, special emphasis is placed on encouraging the participation of women athletes in sports. Various Khelo India Women's League events are conducted under this initiative, significantly increasing women's participation in sports across the nation. This initiative has provided ample opportunities for women athletes to compete, learn, and grow across all age groups.
