

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 955
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Boosting Sports Activity in Northeast Region

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to boost sports activity in the Northeast region, especially considering the recent success of sportspersons from the region at the 2021 Olympics;

(b) if so, the details of the implementation of the “Khelo India” in the Northeast region, in terms of funds disbursed and number of beneficiaries since 2018, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether the Government is considering any additional financial support to sportspersons above and beyond the five lakhs per annum guaranteed by the “Khelo India” Scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) For boosting sports participation in the country, including the North Eastern Region, this Ministry implements a number of Schemes aimed at broad-basing of sports and promotion of excellence in sports. Under the Khelo India Scheme, 64 sports infrastructure projects of various categories have been sanctioned in the North Eastern Region amounting to ₹ 439.51 crore. Further, the National Sports University has been established in Imphal, Manipur to promote sports education in the fields of sports sciences, sports technology, sports management, and sports coaching. In addition, a North Eastern Regional Centre of Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) is also operational since 2009-10 in Guwahati, Assam.

(b) Under the Khelo India Scheme of this Ministry, 08 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence and 152 Khelo India Centres have been sanctioned in the North Eastern Region. Further, 22 sports academies have also been

accredited and 02 Army Boys Sports Companies are being supported in the North Eastern Region. A total of 195 Khelo India Athletes have been identified from the North Eastern Region. Funds are released Scheme-wise, not State-wise. The details of funds allocated and expenditure made under the Khelo India Scheme since its inception are given below:

(₹ in crore)

Year	Amount Allocated	Actual Expenditure (As on 30.01.2022)
2016-17	118.10	118.10
2017-18	350.00	346.99
2018-19	375.09	342.24
2019-20	578.00	575.52
2020-21	338.93	338.93
2021-22	657.71	395.00

(c) Under the “Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies” vertical of the Khelo India Scheme, financial assistance of ₹ 6,28,400/-, including ₹ 1,20,000/- as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA), per annum per athlete, is provided to the accredited academies for training of the Khelo India Athletes. Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), the Government provides assistance to India’s top athletes in their preparations for Olympics and Paralympics. An OPA of ₹ 50,000/- per month is paid to the Core Group athletes. Apart from OPA, entire expenditure for the training plan submitted by the sportsperson is met under TOPS. Further, TOPS Development Group athletes receive an OPA of ₹ 25,000/- and customised training support at National Centres of Excellence.
