

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026**

Multipurpose Sports Complex in Bhagalpur

†1185. Shri Ajay Kumar Mandal:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish a sports stadium, sports academy or multipurpose sports complex in Bhagalpur and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of players from the said region who have benefited under the "Khelo India" scheme;**
- (c) the amount of financial assistance provided for the development of sports grounds in rural areas; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide scholarships and advanced training to talented players?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including sports stadium, sports academy or multipurpose sports complex, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Khelo India Scheme and National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), implemented by this Ministry, under which financial assistance for development of sports infrastructure is provided are demand-driven schemes. The proposals received from the State/Union Territory Governments and other eligible entities are considered for financial support, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under the scheme. This Ministry has not

received any proposal to establish a sports stadium, sports academy or multipurpose sports complex in Bhagalpur.

(b) Currently, there are 24 athletes from Bhagalpur, Bihar benefitting under the Khelo India Scheme.

(c) The details of the sports infrastructure projects approved and their sanctioned cost and funds released under the Khelo India Scheme and NSDF across the country are available in the public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in>. and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>.

(d) Under the “Talent Identification and Development” sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, identification and nurturing of sporting talent at the grassroots levels is done across the country. The identified Khelo India Athletes are provided long-term support through accredited academies, including high-quality coaching, sports science support, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, competition exposure, medical insurance and an Out-of-Pocket Allowance (OPA). In addition, Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organisation under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, implements the various sports promotional schemes across the country, to identify talented sportspersons and nurture them in various age groups.
