

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026**

Promotion of Sports and Infrastructure

2490. Shri Saumitra Khan:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote sports and improve the level of sports and infrastructural facilities including stadiums, playing fields, tracks and sports training in West Bengal including rural areas;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard, district-wise;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from State Governments in this regard;**
- (d) if so, the present status of these proposals along with the time by which the said proposals are likely to be approved, district-wise; and**
- (e) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the sports schemes including Khelo India Scheme for the said State during the last three years and the current year, district-wise?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) to (e) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility for development of sports, including improving the level of sports and infrastructural facilities including stadiums, playing fields, tracks and sports training, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements these efforts by bridging the critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

implements the following schemes for the promotion of sports in the country, including in the State of West Bengal:

- i. Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports;**
- ii. Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs);**
- iii. Cash Incentives to Medal 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;**
- viii. Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI); and**
- ix. National Centre for Sports Science and Research (NCSSR).**

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

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 receipt of proposals under the schemes of this Ministry is a continual process. The proposals received from the State/ UT Government and other eligible entities are considered for financial support, subject to their completeness, technical feasibility and availability of funds under the scheme. The details of the sports infrastructure projects approved and their sanctioned cost, funds released and their physical and financial progress, under the Khelo India Scheme and National Sports Development Funds (NSDF), across the country, including in State of West Bengal, are available in public domain on the dashboards of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in> and <http://www.nsdf.yas.gov.in/nsdf-glance.html>, respectively.

Funds are allocated and released Scheme-wise and not State/UT-wise and component-wise. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under various Sports Development Schemes of the Department of Sports including Khelo India Scheme, across the country, including in the State of West Bengal, during the last three years and the current year are as under:

(amount in ₹ crore)

Financial Year	Funds allocated	Expenditure incurred
2023-24	2380.86	2329.35
2024-25	2332.50	2136.97
2025-26	2347.14	2228.88
2026-27 (as on 14.07.2026)	1981.35	367.81
