



P-ISSN: 2394-1685
E-ISSN: 2394-1693
Impact Factor (ISRA): 5.38
IJPESH 2020; 7(1): 173-178
© 2020 IJPESH
www.kheljournal.com
Received: 25-11-2019
Accepted: 27-12-2019

Parminder Singh
Research Scholar,
Department of Physical
Education, Panjab University,
Chandigarh, Punjab, India

Dr. Dalwinder Singh
Professor, Department of
Physical Education, Panjab
University, Chandigarh, Punjab,
India

Corresponding Author:
Parminder Singh
Research Scholar,
Department of Physical
Education, Panjab University,
Chandigarh, Punjab, India

International Journal of Physical Education, Sports and Health

Programmes and schemes of Punjab sports department: A survey study

Parminder Singh and Dr. Dalwinder Singh

Abstract

The purpose of the present study was to assess the programmes and schemes of Punjab Sports Department. Punjab is considered as the sports nursery of India. Because it had produced many elite sports persons who brought laurels for the country at the international arena. The Punjab Sports Department has a considerable contribution to uplift the standard of sports in the state. But so far no serious attempt has been made to conduct a systematic study on the endeavors of the Punjab Sports Department. This study will highlight the schemes of Punjab Sports Department e.g. coaching camps conducted in previous years (2001-2010), budget allocation, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements, various non-plan schemes, state plan schemes, centrally sponsored schemes under Punjab Sports Department which were initiated for the betterment of the sports persons. It is concluded that the Government of Punjab has created a supportive environment and a conducive sports culture through various sports programmes and schemes which encouraged the youth of the state to develop their full potential as sports persons with the provision of appropriate opportunities.

Keywords: programmes, schemes, punjab sports department

Introduction

Sports considered as an integral part of one's life. It is in fact the most technical part which needs to be mastered with utmost care. In these days, many people have earned titles and awards owing from their performance at different levels of international sports.

Sports helps build talent and hobbies so that the people can be better at delivering them for personal and professional purposes. Sports also serve as a good leisure activity meant to relieve one from physical and emotional stress hence a healthy living. It is a means to achieve physical exercise which is good for the body's growth and development. Through sports, people have established their careers as professional men and women in particular sports.

Sports are also used for promotional purposes where different brands use sports as a platform to market and advertise themselves. Taking part in various sports activities is important in ensuring that one is able to reap the benefits that come with it. There are various sports activities that one can take part in to ensure that he/she is able to lead healthier and more active life.

Sports help to reduce the levels of stress. It help one to deviate away from other things that may be stressing their life. Participation in sports also helps one to gain more toned muscles and healthier bones. This helps one to reduce complications that are associated with weak muscles and bones. Sports also help in improving one's cooperation skills. As sports activities require one to cooperate to ensure the success of their team.

The state of Punjab had always enjoyed a pre-eminent position in the field of Sports. To retain/improve the pristine glory and the pre-eminent position in realm of sports, an independent Department of Sports came into existence in the year 1975. Under the able guidance of Punjab Sports Department, many athletes/sportspersons of Punjab had given a par excellence performance and achieved exceptional positions in International sports arena, Flying Sikh Milkha Singh, Olympian and Arjuna Awardee S. Surjit Singh, Olympian Prithipal Singh, Olympian Jarnail Singh, Arjuna Awardee Prem Chand Dogra and Padam Shree Pargat Singh are the few examples. Punjab had produced many stars of an International repute in all the sports disciplines recognised in India.

Rani (2002) [2] conducted a study on development of physical education and sports in Haryana and revealed that physical education was not taught in schools upto 8th standards, only few introductory activities, recreational and rhythmic exercises were organised at primary to middle level. Whereas, at high and senior secondary level physical education was an optional subject and physical activities were organised as per the guidelines of School Education Board. Sport in schools were organised and administrated by Education Minister. State Government appointed a Sports Minister and Secretary to promote sports in state. In 1966, there were only few sports schemes and the budget of sports was just Rs.33000. In 1981-82, sports schemes increased to 24 and budget allocated to sports were Rs. 13 02 000. There was consistent increase in sports schemes and budget of sports in the proceedings years. Many incentives were awarded to the outstanding sportspersons by the State Government. A 'Crorepati Scheme' was also introduced for Olympics winners, in which huge prize money was announced.

Kumar (2010) [1] conducted a study of sports facilities in schools of Punjab. He found that majority of the administrators, experts and players were fully satisfied with the playing facilities. Majority of players were also in favour of starting physical education as academic subject.

Verma (2011) conducted a survey study on "Development of sports in institutions of Higher Learning in Himachal Pradesh". He found that most of the institutions don't have adequate sports infrastructure, playing and coaching facilities, incentives given to the players, organization and administration of physical education and sports. He also observed a progressive increase in the performance of players at national level after opening of sports hostels within the

state. The study also recommended that due to adverse climate conditions of the state, sports facilities like indoor gymnasium will be a great boon for games like boxing, wrestling, Weightlifting, judo, volleyball etc. throughout the year.

In the early nineties, a downward trend in the standard of sports in different disciplines created a cause of anxiety. Accordingly in the year 1993, a re-organisation of the sports set up was done by merging the Sports Wing of Khed Parishad, Sports Wings of Education Department into the Directorate of Sports to give a uniform direction to sports in the State of Punjab. At present, Punjab is only state which is having maximum numbers of Astro Turf hockey fields and Synthetic Tracks and Ultra Modern Sports infrastructure in the Country.

Research Methodology

The present research work is done with the help of primary as well as secondary sources. Primary data or sources include information collected by the research personally from the Directorate of Sports, Punjab, Chandigarh and Secondary data or sources include reports, books, magazines, newspapers, journals, articles, etc.

Prior to state teams participation in the National Level PYKKA Rural Competition, National Women Sports Festival and Sub Junior/Junior/Senior National Championship, the Department organizes coaching for a period of fifteen days. During the coaching camps players are provided Diet [at] Rs. 120/- per head per day, lodging and equipment. The coaching camps conducted by the Department in the previous years from 2001 to 2010 are given as under:

Table 1: Shows the Information Regarding Coaching Camps Conducted in Previous Years (2001-2010)

Coaching Camps Conducted in Previous Years (2001-2010)		
Year	No. of Camps	No. of Trainees Attended Coaching Camp
2001-02	22	1033
2002-03	26	438
2003-04	16	438
2004-05	27	466
2005-06	31	1144
2006-07	150	1378
2007-08	500	4000
2008-09	100	5500
2009-2010	250	7000

Source: Punjab Sports Department

Budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made.

Table 2: Represents the Budget Allocation, Proposed Expenditures and Reports on Disbursements (Amount in Lacs)

Sr. No.	Name of the Schemes	Budget Outlay	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	State Youth SY.2.3 Competition	400.00	1.00	1.00	100.00	103.60	-
2	State Youth SY.2.4 Scholarship	150.00	-	-	-	-	-
3	State Youth SY.2.6 Sports Complex G.I.A.	100.00	-	1.00	50.00	-	150
4	State Youth SY.2.9 Hockey Academy	200.00	5.00	25.00	15.00	24.40	20
5	State Youth SY.2.11 Block level	200.00	1.00	25.00	200.00	-	-
6	State Youth SY.2.12 District Level Stadia	200.00	1.00	-	100.00	-	-
7	State Youth SY.2.13 Sports Complex Mohali	200.00	1.00	1.00	-	-	-
8	State Youth SY.2.17 Football Academy, Mahilpur	300.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	23.78	20
9	State Youth SY.2.19 Martial Art Sports, Anandpur Sahib	100.00	-	40.00	-	-	-
10	State Youth SY.2.22 Sports Academy for Girls at Patiala	250.00	1.00	15.00	-	-	-
11	State Youth SY.2.6 Sports School, Jalandhar	150.00	-	-	-	-	200
	Total	2550.00	35.00	123.00	480.00	151.78	390

Source: Punjab Sports Department

Above given table shows the budget allocated to each of the agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditure and reports on disbursements during the period from 2002 to 2007 and it is found that maximum amount i.e.

allotted during 2005-06 for the SY.2.3 Competition Scheme and minimum fund was allotted for the scheme SY.2.13 for Sports Complex Mohali from the period 2002 to 2007.

Table 3: Represents the Information Regarding Various Non-Plan Schemes (Amount in Thousands)

Head Scheme	Name of Scheme	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
		Provision	Provision	Provision	Provision	Provision	Provision	Provision
01	Salaries	7,88,38	8,15,96	9,21,18	9,58,39	10,54,22	11,38,55	14,66,77
i)	Medical Reimbursement	10,03	2,00	4,50	8,22	4,50	7,50	7,50
02	Wages	2,00	2,00	2,00	2,50	2,60	2,86	3,15
05	Rewards	1,30,00	1,15,74	1,08,75	1,00,00	2,00,00	8,65,56	2,00,00
11	Travelling Expenses	1,63	1,63	2,00	3,63	2,00	3,25	1,90
13	Office Expenses	4,69	4,69	4,69	2,00	2,00	1,90	1,90
i)	Telephone/ liveries	42	42	84	84	84	80	80
14	Rent Rate & Taxes	6,00	6,00	6,67	8,67	8,00	9,00	9,00
26	Publicity	9	9	2,09	15,38	2,50	2,12	2,12
21	Supply and Material (Diet Money)	44,86	44,86	2,50,000	2,50,00	5,00,00	5,00,00	5,00,00
50	Other Charges	34,12	2,00,00	2,56,00	2,50,00	2,85,00	5,50,00	3,00,00
34	Scholarship	3,80	3,80	3,80	1,13	3,80	3,80	3,80
52	Machinery & Equipment	47	47	47	47	47	47	47
31	Grant-in-Aid to Sports Council	3,64,62	36,96	1,13,14	1,46,96	3,47,96	4,90,46	4,35,46
50	Other Charges (Charged)	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	20	20
27	Minor Works	-	-	1,25,00	1,25,00	1,25,00	1,25,00	1,25,00
93	Electricity Charges	-	-	-	5,50	5,50	7,00	5,22
94	Water Charges	-	-	-	47	47	40	40
	Total	13,91,11	13,40,76	17,46,63	18,80,16	25,45,86	37,08,87	30,63,69

Source: Punjab Sports Department

Table-3 is presenting the information regarding various non-plan schemes with their 'Heads' and provision of budget allotment for these non-plan schemes run under the Directorate of Sports, Punjab during the time period from the year 2005 to 2012 and it is found that total budget allotment for the financial year 2005-06 was Rs. 13,91,11, for the

financial year 2006-07 was Rs. 13,40,76, for the financial year 2007-08 was Rs. 17,46,63, for the financial year 2008-09 was Rs. 18,80,16, for the financial year 2009-10 was Rs. 25,45,86, for the financial year 2010-11 was Rs. 37,08,87 and for the financial year 2011-12 was Rs. 30,63,69 in thousand.

Table 4: Represents the Details Regarding Various State Plan Schemes (Amount in Lacs)

Sr. No.	Name of Scheme	11th Plan (2007-12) Outlay	Budget Provision 2008-09	Released	Budget Provision 2009-10	Released	Revised Outlay 2010-11	Budget Provision 2011-12
1.	State Scheme SS-1: Sports Infrastructure facilities at Jalandhar/ Establishment of Punjab Institute of Sports and Establishment of Regional Training Centres	200.00	0.10	-	200.00	-	0.00	200.00
2	State Scheme SS 2 : Grant-in-aid to the Punjab State Sports Council- Upgradation./alterations in Sports stadia/complexes /Creation of sports infrastructure at block/district level and creation of world class cricket stadiums	500.00	100.00	85.00	1000.00	-	1000.00	2000.00
3	State Scheme SS -3 : Establishment of Guru Gobind Singh Academy of Martial Arts and Sports at Anandpur Sahib	50.00	-	-	47.00	-	278.53	50.83
4	State Scheme SS -4 Academy of Martial Arts and Sports at Anandpur Sahib	100.00	10.00	--	100.00	-	40.00	100.00
5	State Scheme SS-5 : Grant-in-aid to sports council for Village 6Cluster Coaching Centres	500.00	--	--	50.00	--	0.00	--
6	State Scheme SS-6 : Grant-in-aid to Punjab State Sports Council for Laying of Synthetic Hockey Surface at District Head Quarters/laying of synthetic hockey fields	500.00	300.00	300.00	350.00	--	350.00	350.00
7	State Scheme SS-7 : Construction of Sports Stadiums at Gidderbaha and Rajpura etc	200.00	100.00	--	100.00	--	0.00	200.00
8	State Scheme SS-8: Sports Scholarship	--	--	--	30.00	--	30.00	30.00
9.	State Scheme SS-9 : Creation of Sports Facilities for girls at Patiala, Badal (Muktsar) & Shergarh (Ludhiana) as GIA to Sports Council (after merger of SS -9 & SS-10)	--	--	--	30.00	--	66.00	60.00
10	State Scheme SS-10: Establishment of Hockey	--	18.00	18.00	30.00	--	--	--

Academy for girls at Badal (Muktsar).								
11	State Scheme SS-11- Panchayati Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (Shate Share 25%)	--	162.88	162.88	325.75	162.87	325.75	325.75
12	State Scheme SS-12- Establishment of Academy for Girls at village Badal (Muktsar) (Grant-in-AID) Rifle Shooting	--	--	--	8.30	8.30	30.00	30.00
13	State Scheme SS-13- GIA to Punjab State Sports Council to conduct the World Kabaddi Cup-2010	--	--	--	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
14	State Scheme -14-Creation of Sports Infrastructure- Indoor Stadium at Moga	--	--	--	--	--	15.00	--
Total		2050.00	681.08	565.88	2571.05	471.17	2135.28	3646.58

Source: Punjab Sports Department

There were 14 different State Plan Schemes which were being run for the betterment of sportsperson during the period of 2007 to 2012 i.e. Sports Infrastructure facilities at Jalandhar/ Establishment of Punjab Institute of Sports and Establishment of Regional Training Centres, Grant-in-aid to the Punjab State Sports Council- Upgradation./alterations in Sports stadia/complexes /Creation of sports infrastructure at block/district level and creation of world class cricket

stadiums, Establishment of Guru Gobind Singh Academy of Martial Arts and Sports at Anandpur Sahib, Academy of Martial Arts and Sports at Anandpur Sahib, Grant-in-aid to sports council for Village, Cluster Coaching Centres, Construction of Sports Stadiums at Gidderbaha and Rajpura and Sports Scholarship etc. and provided with budget provisions as shown in the given table.

Table 5: Presenting Centrally Sponsored Schemes under Punjab Sports Department (Amount in Lacs)

Sr. No.	Name of Scheme	Budget Provision 2007-08	Released	Budget Provision 2008-09	Released	Budget Provision 2009-10	Released	Revised Outlay CS Budget Provision 2010-11	Released	Budget Provision 2011-12
1.	Centre Scheme CS-7 Panchayati Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) 75%:25% (Non-Budgetary Direct Release)	--	--	988.00	488.64	977.25	488.63	977.25	977.25	977.25
2	Centre Scheme CS- 8 Incentives to Sportspersons and promotion of sports training activities 100%	--	--	500.00	--	500.00	--	0.00	--	--
3	Centre Scheme CS- 19Construction of Indoor Stadium at Moga (Category-1) Grant-in-aid to Punjab State Sports Council	--	--	100.00	45.00	--	--	0.00	--	--
4	Centre Scheme CS-10 Grant-in-Aid to the Punjab State Sports Council 100%	--	--	--	--	100.00	--	0.00	--	--
Total				1588.00	533.64	1577.25	488.63	977.25	977.25	977.25

Source: Punjab Sports Department

There were 4 different Centrally Planned Schemes which were being run for the betterment of sportsperson during the period of 2007 to 2012 i.e. CS-7-Panchayati Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) 75%: 25% (Non-Budgetary Direct Release), C.S.- 8 Incentives to Sportspersons and promotion of sports training activities 100%, CS19- Construction of Indoor Stadium at Moga (Category-1) Grant-in-aid to Punjab

State Sports Council (Under ACA 2005-06 Scheme) and CS-10 GIA to the Punjab State Sports Council 100%. During the financial year Total provision of budget for various schemes during 2008-09 was Rs.1588.00 lac from which Rs. 533.64 lac were released whereas during financial year 2011-12, there was total provision of Rs. 977.25 lac and full amount was released for above said schemes.

Table 6: Shows Expenditure Statement of Plan for the year 2012-13 (Amount in lacs)

Code No.	Sub-head/Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2012-13			Remarks
		Approved Outlay	Sanctioned	Released/ Expenditure	
1	2	3	4	5	6
State Scheme SS-1	Sports Infrastructure facilities at Jalandhar/ Establishment of Punjab Institute of Sports and Establishment of Regional Training Centres	500.00	Nil	Nil	--
State Scheme SS--2	Grant-in-aid to the Punjab State Sports Council upgradation/alterations in Sports Stadia/Complexes/Creation of sports infrastructure at block/district level and creation of world class cricket stadiums.	400.00	400.00	Nil	--
State Scheme SS--3	Establishment of Guru Gobind Singh Academy of Martial Arts and Sports at Anandpur Sahib.	100.00	100.00	100.00	--
State Scheme	Purchase of sports equipment	300.00	225.00	225.00	--

SS--4					
State Scheme SS--6	Grant-in-aid to Punjab State Sports Council for Laying of Synthetic Hockey Surface at District Head Quarters, Faridkot and others	500.00	500.00	Nil	--
State Scheme SS--11	Panchayati Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan State Share (75:25)	325.75	325.75	325.75	--
State Scheme SS--12	Grant in aid to Punjab Sports Council for Establishment of Riffle Shooting Academy for girls at Village Badal, Distt. Mukatsar	120.00	96.00	96.00	--
State Scheme SS--13	Grant-in-aid to Punjab Sports Council to conduct World Kabaddi Cup/ Four National Hockey Tournament	500.00	600.00	600.00	--
State Scheme SS--14	Creation of sports infrastructure, indoor stadium at Moga	15.00	15.00	Nil	--
State Scheme SS--15	Grant in aid to State Sports Council for sports scholarships to senior players in the memory of Sahibzada Ajit Singh ji	100.00	110.00	110.00	--
State Scheme SS--16	Grant in aid to State Sports Council for sports scholarships to junior players in the memory of Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji	1.00	51.85	51.85	--
State Scheme SS--17	Grant in aid to State Sports Council to provide Gymnasium equipment in the memory of Sahibzada Jujhar Singh ji	903.00	903.00	903.00	--
State Scheme SS--18	Grant in aid to State Sports Council to provide Sports equipment in the memory of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji	800.00	800.00	800.00	--
State Scheme SS--19	Grant in aid to State Sports Council for development of sports	100.00	25.00	25.00	--
Total		4664.75	4151.60	3236.60	--

Source: Punjab Sports Department

Above given table shows Expenditure Statement of Plan for the year 2012-13 (Rupees in lacs) for various schemes i.e. Sports Infrastructure facilities at Jalandhar/ Establishment of Punjab Institute of Sports and Establishment of Regional Training Centres, Grant-in-aid to the Punjab State Sports Council up gradation / alterations in Sports Stadia/ Complexes/ Creation of sports infrastructure at block/district level and creation of world class cricket stadiums, Grant in

aid to State Sports Council for sports scholarships to junior players in the memory of Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji, Grant in aid to State Sports Council to provide Gymnasium equipment in the memory of Sahibzada Jujhar Singh ji etc. and it is find that from sanction amount of Rs.4151.60, Rs. 3236.00 lakh were released for expenditure on all the schemes discussed above.

Table 7: Reveals Information Regarding Annual Plan for the year 2013-14 (Amount in lacs)

Code No.	Sub-head/Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2012-13	
		Budget Provision	Released/Expenditure
1	2	3	4
State Scheme SS-3	Establishment of Guru Gobind Singh Academy of Martial Arts and Sports at Anandpur Sahib.	25.00	25.00
State Scheme SS-13	Grant-in-aid to Punjab Sports Council to conduct International Sports Events	1000.00	1000.00
State Scheme SS-17	Grant in aid to State Sports Council to provide Gymnasium equipment in the memory of Sahibzada Jujhar Singh ji	600.00	600.00
State Scheme SS-18	Grant in aid to State Sports Council to provide Sports equipment in the memory of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji	400.00	400.00
State Scheme SS-10	Grant in aid to State Sports Council for Indoor Stadium at Tarntaran (100%)	200.00	200.00

Source: Punjab Sports Department

Above given table depicts the Annual Plan for the year 2013-14 in relation to various schemes i.e. Establishment of Guru Gobind Singh Academy of Martial Arts and Sports at Anandpur Sahib, Grant-in-aid to Punjab Sports Council to conduct International Sports Events, Grant in aid to State Sports Council to provide Gymnasium equipment in the memory of Sahibzada Jujhar Singh ji, Grant in aid to State

Sports Council to provide Sports equipment in the memory of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Grant in aid to State Sports Council for Indoor Stadium at Tarntaran with budget provision and released for expenditure and it is found that during financial year 2013-14 same amount was released as much to budget provision.

Table 8: Depicts Annual Plan for the year 2014-15 (Amount in lacs)

Code No.	Sub-head/Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2012-13	
		Budget Provision	Released/Expenditure
1	2	3	4
State Scheme SS-13	Grant-in-aid to Punjab Sports Council to conduct International Sports Events	700.00	700.00
State Scheme SS-3	Establishment of Guru Gobind Singh Academy of Martial Arts and Sports at Anandpur Sahib.	50.00	--
State Scheme SS-12	Grant in aid to Punjab Sports Council for Establishment of Riffle Shooting Academy for girls at Village Badal, Distt. Mukatsar.	100.00	100.00

Source: Punjab Sports Department

Above given table shows the Annual Plan for the year 2014-15 in relation to various schemes i.e. Grant-in-aid to Punjab

Sports Council to conduct International Sports Events, Establishment of Guru Gobind Singh Academy of Martial

Arts and Sports at Anandpur Sahib and Grant in aid to Punjab Sports Council for Establishment of Rifle Shooting Academy for girls at Village Badal, Distt. Mukatsar with budget provision and released for expenditure and it is found that during financial year 2014-15 almost same amount was released as much to budget provision.

Table 9: Reveals Information Regarding Annual Plan for the year 2015-16 (Amount in lacs)

	Budget Provision	Released/ Expenditure
1	2	3
Centre Schemes	751.50	126.00
State Schemes	751.50	220.00
	Total	346.00

Source: Punjab Sports Department

Above given table highlights the Annual Plan for the year 2015-16 in relation to budget provision and released/ expenditure for Centre and State Schemes for the betterment of sports and it is found that during the Annual plan for the year 2015-16, Rs. 126 lakh released from Center Schemes and Rs. 220 lakh were provided from State Schemes for the betterment of sports in Punjab State.

Table 10: Shows Annual Plan for the year 2016-17 (Amount in lacs)

	Budget Provision	Released/ Expenditure
1	2	3
Centre Schemes	751.50	730.00
State Schemes	751.50	241.00
	Total	971.00

Source: Punjab Sports Department

Above given table depicts the Annual Plan for the year 2016-17 in relation to budget provision and released/expenditure for Centre and State Schemes for the betterment of sports and it is found that during the Annual plan for the year 2016-17, Rs. 730 lakh released for Center Schemes and Rs. 241 lakh were provided from State Schemes for the betterment of sports in Punjab State.

Table 11: Shows Expenditures on Sports and Youth Affairs during 2018-19

Sr. No.	Scheme	Amount Allocated
1.	Khelo India	Rs. 50 Lacs
2.	Funds for Patiala University for Promotion of Sports	Rs. 10 Crore
3.	Funds for Stadium at Block Level	Rs. 6.25 Crore
4.	Shooting range at Mohali and Sri Mukatsar Sahib	Rs.6 Crore
	Total	Rs. 22,75,00,000.00

Source: Punjab Sports Department

The Youth of Punjab has always excelled in Sports and the State Government intends to take more steps for promotion of Sports Culture in the State in terms of creating/strengthening Sporting infrastructure under various schemes like Khelo India and promoting the existing sports events, including the Kila Raipur games. An allocation of `50 lakhs is provided under the Khelo India for this purpose.

The Government of Punjab has always pioneered the setting up of Universities dedicated to specific disciplines. The Government proposes to set up a Sports University at Patiala to give a boost to sporting activities. The government proposed an initial allocation of `10 crore for this purpose during 2018-19.

The Government endeavors to establish stadiums with an

objective to encourage the sports amongst the youth in all the blocks of the State. I propose an allocation of `6.25 crore during 2018-19 to establish stadiums at block levels including at Guru Harsahai, Tanda Urmur, Gidderbaha and Khadoor Sahib.

Punjab has produced many shooters who have excelled themselves at Olympics and other International events. To encourage this sport, centre of excellence in shooting range at Mohali and a new trap & skeet shooting range at Sri Mukatsar Sahib will be established with an outlay of `6 crore in 2018-19.

Conclusion

While summing up, it is concluded that in previous few years, the Government of Punjab has created a supportive environment and a conducive sports culture by starting various sports programmes and schemes through which the youth of the state was encouraged to develop their full potential as sports persons with the provision of appropriate opportunities.

References

1. Kumar R. A study of sports facilities in schools of Punjab, Punjabi University, Patiala, 2010.
2. Rani V. Development of physical education and sports in Haryana. Global scientific conference on physical education, Health & Sports Sciences. 2002; 3:213-14.
3. Mishra R. Infrastructure and Facilities of Sports at School Level in Lucknow City in India, Journal of sports and sports sciences. 2017; (30):2.
4. Singh K. Sports Sociology. Delhi: M/s Friends Publications (India), 1989.