

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

RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2391
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06-12-2016**

Support for new stars in various sports

2391. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government and private sector pays a high degree of attention to the star-sports persons of the nation, whereas hardly any attention is paid for developing new stars in the field of various sports;
- (b) if so, the budgetary allocations of Government for the last three years, sportswise and State-wise; and
- (c) the details of major sponsorships by private sectors for developing the new stars in various sports, if any?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)**

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. It is necessary to increase our focus on young athletes who have the potential of becoming international stars. The Government through Sports Authority of India (SAI) has set up National Sports Academies in several disciplines such as athletics, hockey, badminton, swimming, cycling etc., wherein talented young athletes are selected through nation-wide selection trials & imparted with best training. Similarly, under Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme also, development category sports persons are being assisted. Similarly, under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, a part of the budget is earmarked for junior athlete development. Details of budget allocation made during the last 3 years are given in Annexure. While there is no State-wise allocation, individual sports are supported in a need-based manner.

(c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not maintain data about sponsorships by private sectors for developing the new stars in various sports.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) AND (B) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2391 FOR ANSWER ON 06-12-2016 REGARDING “SUPPORT FOR NEW START IN VARIOUS SPORTS” ASKED BY SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA.

S.No.	Scheme	Financial Year	Budget allocation (in Rs. crore)
1	Sports Authority of India	2013-14	312
		2014-15	335.30
		2015-16	345.78
2	National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)	2013-14	5.00
		2014-15	3.75
		2015-16	5.00
3	Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)	2013-14	170
		2014-15	185
		2015-16	350