

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1599
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018

Sportsmanship among disabled persons

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to take any step or introduce any scheme to promote sportsmanship among disabled persons, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to provide them better financial and infrastructural facilities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) to (c) 'Sports' is a State subject. Promotion of sports among the masses including among the disabled persons is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and National Sports Federations (NSFs) concerned. The Central Government complements/supplements the efforts of the States in this regard.

This Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme, namely, Khelo India which has a dedicated vertical, namely, "Promotion of Sports among persons with disabilities" for supporting athletes with disabilities. The funds provided under this head can be used for classification of players, equipment, training and preparation of teams, holding of competitions / events, infrastructure etc.

Government has recognized following NSFs for Promotion of sports among the disabled :

- i. Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)
- ii. Special Olympic Bharat (SOB)
- iii. All India Sports Council of the Deaf (AISCD)

The above NSFs are provided maximum possible financial assistance under the scheme of Assistance to NSFs of this Ministry for promotion and development of sportsperson with disability.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) has established a Centre of Excellence for Para Athletes at SAI Netaji Subhas Western Centre (NSWC), Gandhinagar for regular training of Para Athletes.

In addition, the Ministry under its Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) identifies athletes from various disciplines including the disabled sportspersons who have the potential of winning medal and provides customized training.
