

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 796
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018**

Development programme for Indian sportspersons

796. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to initiate any long term development programme for improving the performance of Indian sportspersons, including women competing in various international sporting events; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for improving the performance of Indian sportspersons including setting up of sports science centres in various parts of the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
[COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)]**

(a) & (b): Preparation of Indian sportspersons / teams for international events is an ongoing process. Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, identified promising sportspersons/teams are provided all requisite financial assistance for their preparations including wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, equipments, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad through the concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs).

In addition, under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme, sportspersons having the best possible prospects are identified and provided with high level customised support. This Scheme includes a monthly stipend of Rs. 50,000/- for each athlete. In addition, support is given for personalized coaching by both international and national coaches, support staff, participation in international events and purchase of sports equipment.

The Sports Science/ Medicine Centres have been established in the Regional Centres and Academic Institutions under Sports Authority of India (SAI). List of such centres are in Annexure – I.

Further, the Government provides financial assistance to different institutions for establishment of sports science/medicine department. The list of institutions, who have been selected for financial assistance for the purpose is in Annexure – II.

ANNEXURE - I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 796 for answer on 17.12.2018 asked by SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA regarding 'Development programme for Indian sportspersons'

1. SAI Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala
2. SAI, Netaji Subhash Engineering College, Kolkata
3. SAI Netaji Subhash Southern Centre, Bangalore
4. SAI Headquarters, Delhi
5. SAI Netaji Subhash Western Centre, Gandhi Nagar
6. Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Trivandrum
7. SAI Central Center, Bhopal
8. SAI Regional Centre, Lucknow
9. SAI, Northern Center, Sonapat
10. SAI, Netaji Subhas North Eastern Centre, Imphal
11. SAI, Netaji Subhas North-East Regional Centre, Guwahati

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List of Universities/Institutions selected for funding to support sports science/medicine department

1. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
2. Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior
3. National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
4. Annamalai University, Tamilnadu
5. Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer, Rajasthan
6. University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal
7. King George Medical University, Lucknow
8. Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
9. Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak, Haryana
10. Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru, Karnataka
11. KEM Hospital and Seth G S Medical College, Mumbai
12. Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal