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

**RAJYA SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 793 #**
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021

Promotion of talented players from weaker sections

793 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any special provision to promote talented players from weaker sections in various international sports competitions;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of other steps taken by Government to encourage the players for these competitions and to enhance their performance level?

**ANSWER**
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
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(a) to (c) The schemes of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports viz. Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) support the identified promising sportspersons, including those belonging to weaker sections of the society, in terms of modern sports sciences, foreign exposure under experts of respective sports disciplines and participation in international events / competitions recognized by the Indian Olympic Committee (IOC).

Apart from this, recently, this Ministry has merged various schemes under Sports Authority of India (SAI) and established 23 National Centres of Excellence (NCoE) across the country to impart specialized training to promising athletes by providing state of the art infrastructure and training facilities, sports science backup, diet prescribed by nutritionists with overall supervision of the best coaches, qualified support staff and High Performance Directors.

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