GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1104#
ANSWERED ON-10/02/2022

REMOVAL OF SHORTCOMINGS IN SPORTS

1104 # SHRI.NEERAJ DANGI:

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

(a) funds allocated for promoting sports in the country particularly in rural areas during the last three years and current year, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to remove the shortcomings prevalent in sports; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the performance of the country in International sports events?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a): Funds allocated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports are Scheme-wise, not State-wise. The details of the funds allocated under various schemes of Department of Sportsfor promoting sports in the country, including rural areas, during the last three years and the current year are given at **Annexure**.

One of the components of Khelo India Scheme "Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games" is specifically dedicated towards promotion of sports in rural areas. Details of the funds released towards the said vertical during the last three years and current year is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Vertical	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games	3.36	11.75	8.09	5.63	28.83

(b): Various studies have been undertaken to assess the level of preparedness of sportspersons of various disciplines vis-à-vis international standards and competitiveness. A dedicated research team in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme(TOPS) Division in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) undertakes comprehensive study of the Global Competitors for each sporting discipline from time-to-time to derive the performance benchmarks, high performance, age and progression of Indian athletes in comparison to international competitors. Further, athletes also undertake scientific testing in National Coaching Camps and at SAI's National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) to keep upto date with the requirements of their body during training and competition. Such approachesallow an athlete to stay injury-free and focus more on training and competition.

(c): Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) through SAI has undertaken several initiatives to improve the performance of the country in International sports events:

(i) Scheme of Assistance to NSF: Government provides assistance to elite sportspersons preparing for major international events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games etc. by providing funding support through its Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs). Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, identified promising sportspersons/teams are provided all requisite facilities for their preparations including wholesome nutritious diet, equipment, state-of-theart infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/supporting staff, scientific and medical support, sports kit, etc., besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad.

(ii) Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), Government of India (GOI) provides assistance to India's top athletes in their preparations for Olympic and Paralympic Games. Selected athletes are supported with funding from NSDF for customized training and other support not available under normal schemes of the Ministry. Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) is paid @₹50,000/- per month to Core group athletes. At present, 109 individual athletes as core group have been selected under the scheme. Also, the Development Group under TOPS ensures a focused approach in India's Olympic preparation. Talent identification of 244 best sporting talents under this group has been completed, and an OPA of ₹25,000/- per month and customized training support at National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) is being provided.

(iii) SAI implements various Sports Promotional Schemes across the country to identify talented sportspersons in age group of 8 to 25 and nurture them to excel at National and International competitions.

(iv) In its endeavour to train athletes to achieve excellence inOlympics and other International Events, SAI has established National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) across the country to impart specialized training to promising athletes by providing state of the art infrastructure and playing facilities, sports science backup, individualized diet prescribed by trained nutritionists and overall supervision under the best coaches, qualified support staff and High Performance Directors.23 SAI Centresare currently operational.

(v) National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) of SAI operate as regular coaching camps for the best available talent in India and provide concurrent layers of prospective sports persons, giving a wider choice of talent and continuity for selection to National Teams and provide alternative second and third options.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1104# FOR 10.02.2022 ASKED BY SHRI. NEERAJ DANGIREGARDING REMOVAL OF SHORTCOMINGS IN SPORTS

(₹ in crore)

S. No.	Scheme	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1.	Sports Authority of India (SAI)	395.00	615.00	612.21	660.41
2.	Laxmibai National Institute of physical Education(LNIPE)	45.00	50.00	45.00	55.00
3.	National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)	7.50	4.50	13.47	12.00
4.	National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)	10.00	8.50	9.00	10.00
5.	World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)	1.00	1.00	10.00	2.50
6.	National Centre of Sports Science and Research (NCSSR)	28.00	45.00	6.00	10.00
7.	National Centre for Sports Coaching (NCSC)	2.00	5.00	2.00	2.00
8.	National Sports University (NSU) in North East	25.00	50.00	6.72	51.72
9.	Special Cash Awards	31.00	62.00	16.00	38.00
10.	Awards	2.00	2.00	7.50	
11.	Pension to Meritorious Sportsperson	30.00	47.00	14.00	15.00
12.	Assistance to National Sports Federation	245.13	300.85	132.00	280.00
13.	Human Resource Development in Sports (HRDS)	5.00	5.00	1.00	3.80
14.	National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)	2.00	77.15	7.23	25.00
15.	PanditDeendayalUpadhyaya National Sports Welfare Fund (PDUNSWF)	1.80	2.00	2.00	2.00
16.	Khelo India	500.09	578.00	328.77	657.71
17.	CWG - SAI Stadia Renovation	0.50	96.00	75.00	30.00
18.	Enhancement of Sports Facility in J&K	50.00	50.00	25.00	50.00
19.	Himalayan Region Sports Festival	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
20.	Seminar, Committee etc.	0.40	1.00	0.50	1.00
	Total	**1381.52**	**2000.00**	**1313.40**	**1906.14**

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