

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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FUNDS FOR SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) the funds allocated for sports infrastructure facilities for promotion of sports in country, particularly in rural areas during the last three years and present year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government is considering/has taken technical and financial assistance from private institutions for development/maintenance of sports infrastructure, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether steps have been taken to ensure availability of modern sports equipment to athletes and whether regular sports training programmes were conducted for athletes/coaches; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of creating sports infrastructure rests primarily with the respective State / Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts. Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise. However, the details of funds released for development of sports infrastructure facilities in the country under the Khelo India Scheme of this Ministry during the last three years and the current year are as under: -

(Amount in Rs. crore)

| S. No. | Financial Year | Funds released for development of sports infrastructure under the Khelo India Scheme |
|--------|----------------|--|
| 1 | 2018-19 | 216.86 |
| 2 | 2019-20 | 278.22 |
| 3 | 2020-21 | 120.50 |
| 4 | 2021-22 | 217.78 |

(b) Under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), which is a Central Sector scheme, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds are received from corporate entities both in the public sector and private sector for development/maintenance of sports infrastructure. So far, ₹ 170.32 crores have been received from the various organisations in the NSDF.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Elite athletes preparing for international competitions are provided with international standard state-of-the-art sports equipment and infrastructure besides services of Indian and foreign coaches and support staff as per specific requirements of the individual/team. Sports Authority of India (SAI) provides good quality products/items to the Regional Centres across the country for training of players and National Campers. Special emphasis is given to procure best sporting goods/items available in the market as per specifications recommended by the international Sports Federations. The sporting goods/items are procured as per the laid down procedure and as per demand received from elite players and National Sports Federations.

Further, under the National Sports Development Fund and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) of the Ministry, the athletes are provided financial assistance to acquire modern sports equipment as per their choice to promote excellence in sports.

Also, under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, the identified promising athletes/teams are provided preparatory training at the National Coaching Camps, including wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, equipment, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and foreign coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc., besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad.
