GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERD ON- 24/03/2022

PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED SPORTS PERSONS

2558 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

(a) the status of the performance of various differently abled sports persons in the country at State level sports competitions, during last three years;

(b) the schemes being run by Government to provide adequate sports training and facilities for differently abled sports persons in the country; and

(c) year-wise details of funds allocated and utilized for this scheme, during the last three years and current year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, sports development at State-level comes within the purview of the concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not maintain data with respect to State level sports competitions.

(b) & (c) Differently abled sportspersons are being assisted and supported under various Schemes of the Ministry and Sports Authority of India (SAI). For the promotion of sports among the differently abled sportspersons, SAI has established a Centre for Para Sports under its National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) Scheme at SAI Regional Centre, Gandhinagar. The

centre is operational in the discipline of Athletics, Swimming, Powerlifting and Table Tennis (Para Sports). The selected athletes are provided support in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical / insurance etc. as per the approved scheme norms.

Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, identified promising sportspersons/teams including para athletes are provided all requisite facilities for their preparations including wholesome nutritious diet, 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. The funds provided to the concerned NSFs are given as under:

Paralympic Committee of India (PCI):

(₹ in crore)

Year	**Budget Allocated**	**Funds Utilized**
2018-19	6.03	6.35
2019-20	10.00	5.88
2020-21 & 2021-22	10.30	6.80 (till date)

All India Sports Council of the Deaf (AISCD):

(₹ in crore)

Year	**Budget Allocated**	**Funds Utilized**
2018-19	1.17	0.88
2019-20	2.00	1.13
2020-21	No events were conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic	
2021-22	1.09	0.71 (till date)

Special Olympics Bharat (SOB):

(₹ in crore)

Year	Budget Allocated	Funds Utilized
2018-19	5.26	2.56
2019-20	6.00	5.97
2020-21	0.38	0.36
2021-22	5.02	0.32 (till date)

Under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), talented Athletes are being selected and provided Financial Assistance like Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA), equipment Support, coaches etc. Athletes are being retained in the TOPS based on the regular assessment of their performance. All 54 Indian Para athletes who were part of Tokyo Paralympics, were supported under TOPS Scheme. The funds utilised under TOPS Scheme in respect of Para Athletes is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Year	Expenditure
2018-19	1.28
2019-20	3.05
2020-21	2.48
April, 2021 – Till date	2.81

Further, under Khelo India Talent Identification Scheme, talented players are selected and being provided assistance towards their training, preparation including the monthly OPA (Out of Pocket Allowance). At present there are **29 Para athletes** under Khelo India Talent Development (KITD) and being provided assistance as per the scheme. Athletes are being retained based on the regular assessment of their performance. Under the vertical "Promotion of Sports among Persons with Disabilities" of Khelo India Scheme, the details of funds allocated and utilized during the last three years is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Year	Funds Allocated	Expenditure incurres
2018-19	0.12	0.12

2019-20	00	00
2020-21	00	00

The funding provided to Para Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) is given as under:

(₹ in crore)

2018-19	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**TOTAL**
0.03	0.23	0.35	0.26 (till date)	0.87

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