

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1435
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022

Foreign training to Indian players

#1435. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to provide foreign training to the Indian players who are preparing for Olympics and Commonwealth games;
- (b) if so, the total number of players sent abroad during current year in view of forthcoming games;
- (c) the total number of players proposed to be sent abroad in future; and
- (d) whether these players are being provided any kind of financial assistance, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a): Yes, under the 'Target Olympic Podium Scheme'(TOPS), foreign training is provided to the Indian players who are preparing for Olympics and Commonwealth Games, the details of the TOPS Scheme are given in Annexure – I. Further, under Scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)', the recognized NSFs are being provided with financial assistance for National Coaching Camps, foreign training, equipment, coaches & Support Staff etc. towards preparation of Indian Sportspersons for the major International Competitions such as Olympic, Paralympics, Asian, Para Asian, Commonwealth Games etc.

(b) to (d): A total of 685 athletes were sent abroad under 'Target Olympic Podium Scheme' during the current year. The details are given in Annexure – II. These players are being provided with the financial assistance for Boarding & Lodging, air ticket, RT PCR Test fee, Insurance, Visa fee, OPA and Transportation. Foreign training to players under TOPS and other schemes is a regular feature for preparing our athletes for the International events.

Further, under the Scheme of 'Assistance to NSFs', details of the players who have been/are being provided with financial assistance towards their foreign training in the current financial year are given in Annexure – III.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1435 FOR ANSWER ON 28-07-2022 REGARDING FOREIGN TRAINING TO INDIAN PLAYERS BY SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

Plan to provide foreign training to the Indian players who are preparing for Olympics and Commonwealth Games		
SN	Discipline	Training plan details
1	Athletics	Sprints: Chula vista USA & Camp at Trivandrum
		MLD: Colorado Springs till July 2022
		Race Walkers: Camp at SAI Bangalore
		Javelin Throws: Camp at NIS Patiala & Chula vista
		Rotational Throws: NSNIS Patiala & Chula vista
		Jumps: Camp at SAI Bangalore & Chula vista
2	Badminton	Camp: 20th May to 31st July at PGBA, Hyderabad and PPBA, Bangalore
		Malaysia Masters - 5th to 10th July
		Singapore Open - 12th July to 17th July
3	Boxing	Elite Men & Women National coaching camp up to 10th July
		Training camp from 10th July in Ireland before CWG 2022
4	Hockey (Men)	Participated in FIH pro league matches at Belgium and Netherlands
		Camp at SAI Bengaluru.
5	Hockey (Women)	Participating in FIH Women's World Cup from 1st to 17th July in Spain/ Netherlands
		Proposed training camp for selected player at Nottingham
6	Table Tennis	Camp in Portugal 3rd July to 10th July
		WTT Grand Smash Budapest (11th to 24th July)
7	Weightlifting	Pre-games training at Birmingham w.e.f. 24th June 2022 to 28th July 2022
8	Wrestling	Camp at SAI Sonipat for Men and Camp at SAI Lucknow for Women
		Participation in Ranking Tournament No. 3 in Italy
9	Swimming	Foreign Exposure - FINA World Championships - 17th June onwards
		Sajan Prakash High Altitude Training (Spain) - June/July
10	Cycling	Training Camp in Slovenia till 10 June
		Training in IG Stadium, New Delhi
11	Judo	Foreign exposure in Spain till 03 July
		Camp at IG Stadium from 05 July

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (B) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1435 FOR ANSWER ON 28-07-2022 REGARDING FOREIGN TRAINING TO INDIAN PLAYERS BY SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

Total number of players sent abroad during current year in view of forthcoming games:

Discipline	No. of days	No. of Athletes
Athletics	6	40
	22	35
	15	30
	6	60
	4	4
	5	24
	4	35
	73	10
	90	3
	90	2
	90	6
	5	8
Badminton	90	49
Boxing	76	201
Wrestling	28	70
Shooting	10	12
	24	12
	16	24
	12	12
	12	24
	13	12
	13	12
Total	704	685

ANNEXURE-III

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (B) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1435 FOR ANSWER ON 28-07-2022 REGARDING FOREIGN TRAINING TO INDIAN PLAYERS BY SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

Discipline	Details	Expenditure
Squash	Ms. Joshna Chinappa training at Egypt in preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2022 in the month of May and June, 2022.	Rs. 2.13 Lakh
Sepaktakraw	Men & Women team of 36 players at Takraw foundation of Thailand towards preparation for the World Sepaktakraw Championship, 35 th King's Cup, 2022	Rs. 62.82 Lakh
Rugby	Men and Women of 28 players at South Africa and Thailand respectively in preparation for the Asian Rugby sevens Trophy, 2022.	Rs. 48.98 Lakh
