

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1112
ANSWERED ON - 15/12/2022

TARGET OLYMPIC PODIUM SCHEME

1112. DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE

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

- (a) whether Government is supporting sportspersons through National Sports Federations for their training, foreign exposures and competitions to enable them to participate in international sports events and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) details of assistance provided under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and the objectives of TOPS;
- (c) sanctioned Expenditure under TOPS during the last five years, sports-wise;
- (d) details of selection process under TOPS;
- (e) names of the athletes who are in the Core Group, got financial assistance under TOPS during the last five years; and
- (f) whether TOPS has helped improve India's performance in the world sports events, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government is supporting sportspersons through National Sports Federations for their training, foreign exposures and competitions to enable them to participate in international sports events. By providing financial support through its Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the Government provides assistance to elite sportspersons preparing for major international events, such as Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, etc. Under the Scheme, identified promising sportspersons/teams are provided all requisite facilities for their preparations 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.

(b) The chief objective of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) is to provide financial assistance and other help to athletes in their pursuit of medals in the Olympics and other international sporting events. Under this scheme, athletes and sportspersons get customized training from top coaches at modern and well equipped sports facilities and

institutions. The sportspersons are also given assistance for buying sports-specific equipment. The athletes, who are prospective medal winners, are identified through a process of research and consultation with the various NSFs and national coaches and experts of the relevant disciplines.

In addition, all the athletes selected in the TOPS Core Group are provided Rs.50,000/- per month as an Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA), while Rs. 25,000/- per month is provided to the Development Group Athletes.

(c) Details of Sanctioned Expenditure under TOPS during the last five years, sports-wise are given in **Annexure – I**.

(d) The selection of an athlete under TOPS is done on the basis of the following three criteria:

- Medal Hope - Athletes deemed medal probable for Olympic or Paralympic Games.
- Potential Finalist - Athletes deemed probable for reaching the finals of their Olympic events, where medals are deemed an unrealistic target presently.
- Other - Athletes who can achieve India's best result in the discipline, considering the last three editions of the Olympic or Paralympic Games.

Selection Criteria/Assessment Methodology

The methodology used to determine the above is primarily sport-specific and data-driven with due consideration of relevant subjective factors. This broadly covers the following:

- Current performance
- Past performance
- Performance in comparison to Global performance trends
- Current age in comparison to High-performance age
- Global competitors' analysis
- Performance progression rate
- World Rankings & National Ranking

(e) The details of the athletes who are in the Core Group, got financial assistance under TOPS during the last five years are given in **Annexure – II**.

(f) Yes, Sir. TOPS has helped improve India's performance in the world sports events. At the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, all of India's 7 medalists were part of the TOPS programme. Prominent athletes like Neeraj Chopra, Bajrang Punia, PV Sindhu, Ravi Kumar Dahiya, etc., who have brought laurels to the country at the Olympics and at various international competitions, have been part of the TOPS programme for the last few years. Similarly, in Paralympics 2020, the Indian contingent delivered its best ever performance by securing 19 medals out of which 17 athletes were part of the TOPS Group. Some of the prominent 2020 Paralympics medalists are – Devendra Jhajharia, Mariyappan T, Pramod Bhagat, Avani Lekhara, Bhavina Patel.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1112 FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2022 REGARDING TARGET OLYMPIC PODIUM SCHEME BY DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

Sanctioned Expenditure under TOPS during the last five years, sports-wise

(Rs. in Crore)

| S.No. | Sports Discipline | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Total Sanctioned Expenditure | Total Sanctioned Expenditure | Total Sanctioned Expenditure | Total Sanctioned Expenditure | Total Sanctioned Expenditure | Total Sanctioned Expenditure |
| 1 | Archery | 1.04 | 1.08 | 0.98 | 0.66 | 0.76 | 1.29 |
| 2 | Athletics | 2.96 | 1.12 | 1.42 | 1.25 | 1.70 | 2.66 |
| 3 | Badminton | 0.86 | 0.49 | 0.39 | 1.33 | 2.14 | 2.89 |
| 4 | Boxing | 1.43 | 0.64 | 0.69 | 0.35 | 1.08 | 1.37 |
| 5 | Cycling | 0.00 | 0.18 | 0.47 | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.12 |
| 6 | Golf | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.07 |
| 7 | Judo | 0.19 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.10 |
| 8 | Para Sports | 2.48 | 1.40 | 1.29 | 3.05 | 2.57 | 3.11 |
| 9 | Gymnastics | 0.13 | 0.35 | 0.71 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| 10 | Rowing | 0.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.22 |
| 11 | Shooting | 4.18 | 2.28 | 3.37 | 1.99 | 3.05 | 3.38 |
| 12 | Table Tennis | 1.12 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.63 | 0.53 | 0.39 |
| 13 | Tennis | 1.70 | 0.59 | 1.10 | 0.70 | 0.78 | 0.84 |
| 14 | Weightlifting | 0.62 | 1.05 | 0.43 | 0.37 | 0.56 | 0.64 |
| 15 | Wrestling | 1.85 | 0.52 | 1.20 | 1.84 | 1.40 | 1.54 |
| 16 | Swimming | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.12 | 0.07 | 0.70 | 0.71 |
| 17 | Squash | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 18 | Hockey | 1.16 | 0.00 | 0.18 | 0.00 | 0.09 | 1.59 |
| 19 | Equestrian | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 |
| 20 | Sailing | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.89 |
| 21 | Fencing | 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.35 |
| 22 | Luge Sports | 0.00 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 23 | Wushu | 0.00 | 0.32 | 0.68 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 23 | Alpine Skiing | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.17 |
| Total | | 20.30 | 11.52 | 14.31 | 12.41 | 15.66 | 22.37 |

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (E) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1112 FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2022 REGARDING TARGET OLYMPIC PODIUM SCHEME BY DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

Athletes in the Core Group who received financial assistance under TOPS during the last five years are:-

| CORE GROUP | | |
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| S.No. | Name of Sportsperson | Discipline |
| 1 | Atanu Das | Archery |
| 2 | Deepika Kumari | Archery |
| 3 | Jayanta Talukdar | Archery |
| 4 | Tarundeep Rai | Archery |
| 5 | L Bombayla Devi | Archery |
| 6 | Laxmi Rani Manji | Archery |
| 7 | Monika Saren | Archery |
| 8 | Amanjeet Singh | Archery |
| 9 | Abhishek Verma | Archery |
| 10 | C Srither | Archery |
| 11 | Khusbhu Dhayal | Archery |
| 12 | Divya Dhayal | Archery |
| 13 | V Jyothi Surekha | Archery |
| 14 | Trisha Deb | Archery |
| 15 | Paonam Lily Chanu | Archery |
| 16 | Rajat Chauhan | Archery |
| 17 | Parveena | Archery |
| 18 | Ankita Bhakat | Archery |
| 19 | Yashdev | Archery |
| 20 | Pravin Jhadav | Archery |
| 21 | Neeraj Chopra | Athletics |
| 22 | K T Irfan | Athletics |
| 23 | Ganapathi Krishnan | Athletics |
| 24 | Manish Rawat | Athletics |
| 25 | Alex Anthony | Athletics |
| 26 | Annu Rani | Athletics |
| 27 | G Lakshmanan | Athletics |
| 28 | Lalita Babar | Athletics |
| 29 | Lili Das | Athletics |
| 30 | Nayana James | Athletics |
| 31 | Om Prakash Singh Karhana | Athletics |
| 32 | Tejender Toor | Athletics |

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| 33 | PU Chitra | Athletics |
| 34 | Poornima Hembram | Athletics |
| 35 | Sanjivani B Jadhav | Athletics |
| 36 | Sudha Singh | Athletics |
| 37 | Swapna Barman | Athletics |
| 38 | V. Neena | Athletics |
| 39 | Muhammed Anas | Athletics |
| 40 | Arokia Rajiv | Athletics |
| 41 | Amoj Jacob | Athletics |
| 42 | Muhammed Kunhu | Athletics |
| 43 | Mohan Kumar | Athletics |
| 44 | Sachin Roby | Athletics |
| 45 | Jithu Baby | Athletics |
| 46 | Nirmla | Athletics |
| 47 | Poovamma MR | Athletics |
| 48 | Jisna Mathew | Athletics |
| 49 | Anilda Thomas | Athletics |
| 50 | Debashree M | Athletics |
| 51 | Vijayakumari | Athletics |
| 52 | Anu R | Athletics |
| 53 | Jinson Johnson | Athletics |
| 54 | Tintu Luka | Athletics |
| 55 | Seema Punia | Athletics |
| 56 | Hima Das | Athletics |
| 57 | Navjeet Dhillon | Athletics |
| 58 | A Dharun | Athletics |
| 59 | Sreeshankar | Athletics |
| 60 | Sonia Baisya | Athletics |
| 61 | Sreeshankar Murali | Athletics |
| 62 | Avinash Sable | Athletics |
| 63 | Arpinder Singh | Athletics |
| 64 | Noah Nirmal Tom | Athletics |
| 65 | Tajinderpal Singh Toor | Athletics |
| 66 | Dutee Chand | Athletics |
| 67 | Vismaya V K | Athletics |
| 68 | Revathi Veeramani | Athletics |
| 69 | Subha Venkatesan | Athletics |
| 70 | Kamalpreet Kaur | Athletics |
| 71 | Priyanka Goswami | Athletics |
| 72 | Bhawna Jat | Athletics |
| 73 | Nanganathan Pandi | Athletics |
| 74 | Dhanalakshmi | Athletics |

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| 75 | Sandeep Kumar | Athletics |
| 76 | Shaili Singh | Athletics |
| 77 | Rahul | Athletics |
| 78 | Archana Suseendran | Athletics |
| 79 | Poovamma M R | Athletics |
| 80 | Sarthak Bhambri | Athletics |
| 81 | Jabir MP | Athletics |
| 82 | K. Srikanth | Badminton |
| 83 | Bhamidipati Sai Prananeeth | Badminton |
| 84 | H.S. Prannoy | Badminton |
| 85 | Ajay Jayaram | Badminton |
| 86 | P.V. Sindhu | Badminton |
| 87 | Saina Nehwal | Badminton |
| 88 | Sikki Reddy | Badminton |
| 89 | Pranaav Jerry Chopra | Badminton |
| 90 | Ashwani Ponnappa | Badminton |
| 91 | Lakshya Sen | Badminton |
| 92 | Satwiksairaj Rankireddy | Badminton |
| 93 | Chirag Shetty | Badminton |
| 94 | Sameer Verma | Badminton |
| 95 | Shiva Thapa | Boxing |
| 96 | Vikas Krishan | Boxing |
| 97 | Manoj Kumar | Boxing |
| 98 | Amit Kumar | Boxing |
| 99 | Shyam Kumar Kakara | Boxing |
| 100 | Sachin (Siwach) | Boxing |
| 101 | S. H Sarjubala Devi | Boxing |
| 102 | Sonia Lather | Boxing |
| 103 | L Devendro Singh | Boxing |
| 104 | Kavinder Bisht | Boxing |
| 105 | Gaurav Bidhuri | Boxing |
| 106 | Sumit Sangwan | Boxing |
| 107 | Satish Kumar | Boxing |
| 108 | Manish Kaushik | Boxing |
| 109 | M C Mary Kom | Boxing |
| 110 | L Sarita Devi | Boxing |
| 111 | Neeraj | Boxing |
| 112 | Sweety Bora | Boxing |
| 113 | Lovlina Borgohain | Boxing |
| 114 | Amit Panghal | Boxing |
| 115 | Pooja Rani | Boxing |

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| 116 | Deepak | Boxing |
| 117 | Sanjeet | Boxing |
| 118 | Deborah Herald | Cycling |
| 119 | Aleena Reji | Cycling |
| 120 | Sanuraj P | Cycling |
| 121 | Ranjit Singh | Cycling |
| 122 | Sahil Kumar | Cycling |
| 123 | Fouaad Mirza | Equestrian |
| 124 | Bhavani Devi | Fencing |
| 125 | Avtar Singh | JUDO |
| 126 | T Kalpana Devi | JUDO |
| 127 | Vijay Kumar Yadav | JUDO |
| 128 | Tulika Maan | JUDO |
| 129 | Shushila Devi | JUDO |
| 130 | Zoravar Singh Sandhu | Shooting |
| 130 | Heena Sidhu | Shooting |
| 132 | Mairaj Ahmad Khan | Shooting |
| 133 | Sheeraz Sheikh | Shooting |
| 134 | Angad Veer Singh Bajwa | Shooting |
| 135 | Pooja Ghatkar | Shooting |
| 136 | Apurvi Chandela | Shooting |
| 137 | Meghana Sajjanar | Shooting |
| 138 | Deepak Kumar | Shooting |
| 139 | Ravi Kumar | Shooting |
| 140 | Gagan Narang | Shooting |
| 141 | Ankur Mittal | Shooting |
| 142 | Shapath Bharadwaj | Shooting |
| 143 | Sangram Dahya | Shooting |
| 144 | Jitu Rai | Shooting |
| 145 | Omkar Singh | Shooting |
| 146 | Gurpreet Singh | Shooting |
| 147 | Neeraj Kumar | Shooting |
| 148 | Chain Singh | Shooting |
| 149 | Satyendra Singh | Shooting |
| 150 | Sanjeev Rajput | Shooting |
| 151 | Prakash Nanjappa | Shooting |
| 152 | Amanpreet Singh | Shooting |
| 153 | Harveen Sarao | Shooting |
| 154 | Yasshaswini S. Deshwal | Shooting |
| 155 | Tejaswini Sawant | Shooting |
| 156 | Anjum Moudgil | Shooting |

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| 157 | Rajeshwari Kumari | Shooting |
| 158 | Saurabh Chaudhary | Shooting |
| 159 | Shreyasi Singh | Shooting |
| 160 | Manu Bhaker | Shooting |
| 161 | Mehuli Ghosh | Shooting |
| 162 | Shahzar Rizvi | Shooting |
| 163 | Om Prakash Mitharval | Shooting |
| 164 | Akhil Sheoran | Shooting |
| 165 | Elavenil Valarivan | Shooting |
| 166 | Shardul Vihan | Shooting |
| 167 | Seema Tomar | Shooting |
| 168 | Abhishek Verma | Shooting |
| 169 | Divyansh Singh Panwar | Shooting |
| 170 | Aishwaraya Pratap Singh Tomar | Shooting |
| 171 | Chinki Yadav | Shooting |
| 172 | Rahi Jeevan Sarnobat | Shooting |
| 173 | Sajan Prakash | Swimming |
| 174 | Srihari Nataraj | Swimming |
| 175 | Sharath Kamal | Table Tennis |
| 176 | Harmeet Desai | Table Tennis |
| 177 | Manika Batra | Table Tennis |
| 178 | Mouma Das | Table Tennis |
| 179 | Madhurika Patkar | Table Tennis |
| 180 | Sathiyam Gnanasekaran | Table Tennis |
| 181 | Sutirtha Mukherjee | Table Tennis |
| 182 | Archana Kamath | Table Tennis |
| 183 | Saikhom Mirabai Chanu | Weightlifting |
| 184 | Jeremy Lalrinnunga | Weightlifting |
| 185 | S. Satish Kumar | Weightlifting |
| 186 | Muthupandi Raja | Weightlifting |
| 187 | Deepak Lather | Weightlifting |
| 188 | Ragala Venkat Rahul | Weightlifting |
| 189 | Vikas Thakur | Weightlifting |
| 190 | Ajay Singh | Weightlifting |
| 191 | Jimjang Deru | Weightlifting |
| 192 | Pardeep Singh | Weightlifting |
| 193 | Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu | Weightlifting |
| 194 | Matasa Santoshi | Weightlifting |
| 195 | Poonam Yadav | Weightlifting |
| 196 | Gurdeep Singh | Weightlifting |
| 197 | Purnima Pandey | Weightlifting |
| 198 | Rakhi Halder | Weightlifting |

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| 199 | Vinesh Phogat | Wrestling |
| 200 | Sakshi Malik | Wrestling |
| 201 | Sandeep Tomar | Wrestling |
| 202 | Bajrang Punia | Wrestling |
| 203 | Parveen Rana | Wrestling |
| 204 | Satywart Kadian | Wrestling |
| 205 | Sumit | Wrestling |
| 206 | Lalita | Wrestling |
| 207 | Gyanendar Dahiya | Wrestling |
| 208 | Hardeep (Singh) | Wrestling |
| 209 | Harpreet Singh | Wrestling |
| 210 | Sushil Kumar | Wrestling |
| 211 | Pooja Dhanda | Wrestling |
| 212 | Utkarsh Pandharinath Kale | Wrestling |
| 213 | Deepak Punia | Wrestling |
| 214 | Divya Kakran | Wrestling |
| 215 | Ravi Kumar | Wrestling |
| 216 | Ritu Phogat | Wrestling |
| 217 | Anshu Malik | Wrestling |
| 218 | Sonam Malik | Wrestling |
| 219 | Seema Bisla | Wrestling |
| 220 | Dattu Bhokhanlal | Rowing |
| 221 | Jakar Khan | Rowing |
| 222 | Ravi Birhman | Rowing |
| 223 | Sukhmeet Singh | Rowing |
| 224 | Arvind Singh | Rowing |
| 225 | Arjun Lal Jat | Rowing |
| 226 | Bittu Singh | Rowing |
| 227 | Men's Hockey Team for Asian Games 2018 | Hockey |
| 228 | Men's Hockey Team for Olympics 2020 | Hockey |
| 229 | Women's Hockey Team for Olympics 2020 | Hockey |

List of current Para Athletes under TOPS

| S. No | Name | Discipline | Event | State |
|-------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Harvinder Singh | Para Archery | Men's Recurve | Haryana |
| 2 | Sandeep Chaudhary | Para Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw F44/64 | Haryana |
| 3 | Sharad Kumar | Para Athletics | Men's High Jump T42/63 | New Delhi |
| 4 | Sumit Antil | Para Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw F64 | Haryana |
| 5 | Sundar Singh Gurjar | Para Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw F46 | Rajasthan |
| 6 | Amit Saroha | Para Athletics | Men's Club Throw F51 | Haryana |

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| 7 | Nishad Kumar | Para Athletics | Men's High Jump T47 | H.P |
| 8 | Yogesh Kathuniya | Para Athletics | Men's Discus Throw F56 | Haryana |
| 9 | Mariyappan T | Para Athletics | Men's High Jump T63 | Tamil Nadu |
| 10 | Praveen Kumar | Para Athletics | Men's High Jump T64 | Uttar Pradesh |
| 11 | Navdeep | Para Athletics | Men's Javelin F41 | Haryana |
| 12 | Devendra J | Para Athletics | Men's Javelin F46 | Rajasthan |
| 13 | Ekta Bhyan | Para Athletics | Women's Club Throw F51 | Haryana |
| 14 | Neeraj Yadav | Para Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw F55 | New Delhi |
| 15 | Nimisha C Suresh | Para Athletics | Women's Long Jump T46 | Kerala |
| 16 | Radha Venkatesh | Para Athletics | Women's 1500m T12 | Karnataka |
| 17 | Dharambir | Para Athletics | Men's Club Throw and Discus F51 | Haryana |
| 18 | Someshwara Rao | Para Athletics | Men's Long Jump T64 | Andhra Pradesh |
| 19 | Suhas Yathiraj | Para Badminton | MS SL4 | Karnataka |
| 20 | Krishna Nagar | Para Badminton | MS SH6 | Rajasthan |
| 21 | Pramod Bhagat | Para Badminton | MS SL3 | Odisha |
| 22 | Manoj Sarkar | Para Badminton | MS SL3 | Uttarakhand |
| 23 | Tarun Dhillon | Para Badminton | MS SL4 | Haryana |
| 24 | Parul Parmar | Para Badminton | WS SL 3 | Gujarat |
| 25 | Manasi Joshi | Para Badminton | WS SL3 | Gujarat |
| 26 | Nithya Sre | Para Badminton | WS SH6 | Tamil Nadu |
| 27 | Manisha Ramadass | Para Badminton | WS SU5 | Tamil Nadu |
| 28 | Mandeep Kaur | Para Badminton | WS SL3 | U.P |
| 29 | Avani Lekhara | Para Shooting | R2 - Women's 10m Air Rifle SH1 | Rajasthan |
| 30 | Manish Narwal | Para Shooting | P1 - Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 | Haryana |
| 31 | Singhraj Adana | Para Shooting | P4 - Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 | Haryana |
| 32 | Bhavina Patel | Para Table Tennis | Women's Wheelchair - Class 4 | Gujarat |
| 33 | Suyash Jadhav | Para Swimming | S7, SM7, SB7 | Maharashtra |
| 34 | Prachi Yadav | Para - Canoe | Women's Single VL2 | M.P |
| 35 | Parmjeet Kumar | Para -Powerlifting | Men's under 49 kg | Punjab |
| 36 | Sudhir | Para -Powerlifting | Men's up to88 kg | Haryana |
| 37 | Rinku | Para -Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw F46 | Haryana |
| 38 | Sriharsha | Para Shooting | R4- Rifle | Karnataka |
