

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1908**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON – 22/12/2022

**ACCESS TO QUALITY BADMINTON FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY**

1908 DR. KANIMOZHI NVM SOMU:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to improve access to quality badminton facilities in the country;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to increase availability of badminton coaches in the country, particularly in schools and in private coaching facilities for teenagers;
- (c) the number of badminton players of the country ranked in the top 100 players of the world for men and women each; and
- (d) whether there are any sponsorship schemes for lesser-privileged players with potential to get access to quality training of badminton and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) Sir, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through Sports Authority of India (SAI) provides quality sports infrastructure facilities for the badminton sports at SAI Regional Centers which are upgraded from time to time. The Government has launched Khelo India Programme with twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports. Various programmes have been launched under this scheme to promote various sports including badminton and improve the level of sports and infrastructure facilities including stadiums, playing fields, tracks and sports training across the country.

(b) Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), financial assistance as per Annual Calendar for Training and Competitions (ACTC) is provided to various NSFs including Badminton Association of India (BAI), to hire both Indian and Foreign Coaches as part of the National Camps and the Indian Contingent for International Competitions. Badminton sport has been placed in High Priority category so as to provide maximum admissible assistance to BAI. Further, SAI also recruits coaches from time to time.

(c) The number of badminton players of the country ranked in the top 100 players of the world for men, women and mixed doubles respectively are at Annexure I.

(d) Under the “Sports Competition and Talent Development” of Khelo India Scheme, various Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) including badminton discipline are selected as beneficiary. These KIAs are getting Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) of Rs.1,20,000 per annum. Additionally, an athlete is also entitled for Rs. 5,00,000/- per annum for training purposes including funding for Coaching/Sports science/management, diet charges, lodging charges, Kitting, Insurance & medical expense.

**Annexure-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1908 FOR REPLY ON 22.11.2022 ASKED BY DR. KANIMOZHI NVM SOMU REGARDING ACCESS TO QUALITY BADMINTON FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY**

**DETAILS OF BADMINTON PLAYERS OF THE COUNTRY RANKED IN THE TOP 100 PLAYERS OF THE WORLD FOR MEN, WOMEN AND MIXED**

| MENS    |                           |      |
|---------|---------------------------|------|
| SINGLES |                           |      |
| S.No    | NAME                      | RANK |
| 1       | LakshyaSen                | 7    |
| 2       | H.S. Prannoy              | 11   |
| 3       | SrikanthKidambi           | 12   |
| 4       | Sameer Verma              | 34   |
| 5       | MithunManjunath           | 38   |
| 6       | SaiPraneeth B             | 39   |
| 7       | ParupalliKashyap          | 49   |
| 8       | Kiran George              | 51   |
| 9       | PriyanshuRajawat          | 52   |
| 10      | SourabhVerma              | 60   |
| 11      | MeirabaLuwangMaisnam      | 61   |
| 12      | KartikeyGulshan Kumar     | 67   |
| 13      | SubhankarDey              | 74   |
| 14      | Sathish Kumar Karunakaran | 85   |
| 15      | ChiragSen                 | 93   |

| MENS    |  |      |
|---------|--|------|
| Doubles |  |      |
| S.No    | NAME   | RANK |
| 1       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Satwiksairaj Reddy</li> <li>● Chirag Shetty</li> </ul>                                  | 7    |
| 2       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● M.R Arjun</li> <li>● DhruvKapila</li> </ul>   | 22   |
| 3       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Krishna Prasad Garaga</li> <li>● VishnuvardhanGoudPanjala</li> </ul>                    | 35   |
| 4       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ishaan Bhatnagar</li> <li>● SaiPratheek K</li> </ul>                                    | 45   |
| 5       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● P.S Ravikrishna</li> <li>● Sankar Prasad Udayakumar</li> </ul>                          | 57   |
| 6       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shyam Prasad</li> <li>● S. Sunjith (Jr)</li> </ul>                                      | 63   |
| 7       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vasantha Kumar HanumaiahRanganatha</li> <li>● Ashith Surya</li> </ul>                   | 80   |
| 8       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attri Manu</li> <li>● Reddy B. Sumeeth</li> </ul>                                       | 81   |
| 9       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Achutaditya Rao Doddavarapu</li> <li>● VenkataHarshaVardhanRayuduVeeramreddy</li> </ul> | 83   |
| 10      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Manjith Singh Khwairakpam</li> <li>● Dingku Singh Konthoujam</li> </ul>                 | 89   |
| 11      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Himanshu Mittal</li> <li>● Shubham Sharma</li> </ul>                                    | 96   |

| WOMENS  |                      |      |
|---------|----------------------|------|
| SINGLES |                      |      |
| S.N     | NAME                 | RANK |
| 1       | Pusarla V. Sindhu    | 6    |
| 2       | SainaNehwal          | 33   |
| 3       | MalvikaBansod        | 34   |
| 4       | Aakarshikashyap      | 35   |
| 5       | AnupamaUpadhaya      | 48   |
| 6       | AshmitaChaliha       | 50   |
| 7       | Tasnim Mir           | 62   |
| 8       | ImadfarooquiSamiya   | 64   |
| 9       | Tanya Hemanth        | 65   |
| 10      | Ira Sharma           | 66   |
| 11      | SmitToshniwal        | 72   |
| 12      | GaddeRuthvikaShivani | 76   |

|    |               |    |
|----|---------------|----|
| 13 | Rituparna Das | 85 |
| 14 | Aditi Bhatt   | 91 |
| 15 | KeyuraMopati  | 99 |

| WOMENS  |   |      |
|---------|---|------|
| Doubles |   |      |
| S.N     | NAME  | RANK |
| 1       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tressa Jolly</li> <li>● GayatriGopichandPullela</li> </ul> | 20   |
| 2       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AshwiniPonappa</li> <li>● Reddy Sikki</li> </ul>           | 26   |
| 3       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AshwiniBhat K</li> <li>● ShikhaGautam</li> </ul>           | 36   |
| 4       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HarithaManazhiyil H</li> <li>● Ashna Roy</li> </ul>        | 48   |
| 5       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SimranSinghi</li> <li>● RitikaThaker</li> </ul>            | 54   |
| 6       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rituparna Panda</li> <li>● Shwetaparna Panda</li> </ul>    | 90   |
| 7       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Palak Arora</li> <li>● UnnatiHooda</li> </ul>              | 97   |

| Mixed Doubles |  |      |
|---------------|--|------|
| S.N           | NAME   | RANK |
| 1             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ishaan Bhatnagar</li> <li>● Tanisha Crasto</li> </ul>             | 24   |
| 2             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Venkat Gaurav Prasad</li> <li>● JuhiDewangan</li> </ul>           | 46   |
| 3             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reddy B Sumeeth</li> <li>● AshwiniPonnappa</li> </ul>             | 59   |
| 4             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DhruvKapila</li> <li>● Reddy Sikki</li> </ul>                     | 70   |
| 5             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rohan Kapoor</li> <li>● Reddy Sikki</li> </ul>                    | 80   |
| 6             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● M. R Arjun</li> <li>● Tressa Jolly</li> </ul>                     | 84   |
| 7             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ThandrangiHemaNagendraBabu</li> <li>● SrivedyaGurazada</li> </ul> | 96   |
| 8             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Akshan Shetty</li> <li>● SimranSinghi</li> </ul>                  | 97   |