

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-317**  
ANSWERED ON- 08/12/2022

**INITIATIVES TO TRAIN YOUTH FOR OLYMPICS**

317. SHRI P. WILSON:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry to enhance workshops and training for youth to participate in Olympics and the funds allocated for the same across the country especially in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of sports training camps and sports institutions being established across the country especially in Tamil Nadu to train the youth for Olympics; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) through Sports Authority of India (SAI) implements the following Schemes to train the youth for various national and international events, including the Olympics:

**i) Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs):** This Ministry provides assistance to elite sportspersons preparing for major international events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games, and Commonwealth Games by providing funding support through its Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Under the Scheme, the identified promising sportspersons/teams are provided all requisite facilities for their preparation, including a 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 also also participation in international competitions in India and abroad.

**ii) Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):** Under the TOPS, this Ministry provides assistance to India's top athletes in their preparations for Olympic and Paralympic Games. Selected athletes are supported with funding from the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for customized training and other support, not available under normal schemes of the Ministry. Out of pocket allowance (OPA) is paid at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- per month to the

Core group athletes. Apart from OPA, the entire expenditure for the training plan submitted by the sportsperson, which is considered and approved by Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), is met through TOPS. At present, 97 individual athletes and 2 hockey teams (Men and Women) as Core Group, have been selected under the Scheme. Also, under the 'Development Group' to ensure a focused approach in India's Olympic preparations, the talent identification of 181 best sporting talents has been completed. A TOPS Development Group athlete receives an OPA of Rs. 25,000/- and customized training support at the National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) of SAI. Expenditure amounting to Rs. 9,96,53,963/- and Rs. 14,60,91,384/- has been incurred on the training of athletes during the F.Y. 2021-22 and F.Y. 2022-23 respectively.

**iii) SAI Promotional Schemes:** A total of 189 Centres including NCOEs (24), SAI Training Centres (STCs) (68), Extension Centres of STC (28), National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC) (69) etc. are functional for implementation of above Sports Promotional Schemes. Presently, 8968 talented athletes (5469 boys and 3499 girls) are being trained in 27 sports disciplines and 7 Indigenous sports discipline on both residential and non-residential basis.

The details of the STC Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu are placed at **Annexure**.

Further, under the "Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies" component of the Khelo India Scheme, a total of 18 Khelo India Accredited Academies, 38 Khelo India Centres and 1 Khelo India State Centre of Excellence have been established in the state of Tamil Nadu for various sports disciplines.

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 317 FOR ANSWER ON 08.12.2022 REGARDING INITIATIVES TO TRAIN YOUTH FOR OLYMPICS BY SHRI P. WILSON, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.**

The details of SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme athletes trained for international competitions in the state of Tamil Nadu are as under:-

	Centre Name(s)		Residential			Non-Residential		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Chennai	Athletics	19	0	19	0	0	0
		Football	2	0	2	18	0	18
		Hockey	22	0	22	0	0	0
		Kabaddi	15	0	15	0	0	0
		Table Tennis	0	1	1	8	8	16
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>
2	Salem	Basketball	18	0	18	0	0	0
		Taekwondo	23	0	23	0	0	0
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
3	Mayiladuthurai	Athletics	10	14	24	0	0	0
		Basketball	0	11	11	0	0	0
		Boxing	0	11	11	0	0	0
		Kabaddi	9	10	19	0	0	0
		Volleyball	14	9	23	0	0	0
		Weightlifting	12	14	26	0	0	0
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>SUB. TOTAL:</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>

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