

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2707
ANSWERED ON- 23/03/2023

PROMOTION OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES

2707. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to promote the sports activities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) the annual budgetary allocation to promote sports activities in various States/UTs;
- (d) whether there is any new scheme for the purpose in the country, particularly for Puducherry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports activities in the country rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. However, the Union Government supplements their efforts in this regard through its following schemes implemented throughout the country, including Puducherry:

- (i) Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports;
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations;
- (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International sports events and their Coaches;
- (iv) National Sports Awards,
- (v) Pension to Meritorious Sports Persons;
- (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons;
- (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and
- (viii) Running sports training centres through Sports Authority of India(SAI).

All these schemes cater to the entire country. Details of these schemes are available in the public domain on the official websites of this Ministry and Sports Authority of India (www.yas.nic.in/sports; www.sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in).

Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise. The annual budgetary allocation to promote sports activities during the year 2022-23, scheme-wise is as follows:

| (in Rs. Crore) | | |
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| S.No. | Scheme | Revised Estimates (2022-23) |
| 1. | Sports Authority of India | 749.43 |
| 2. | Khelo India | 607.00 |
| 3. | Assistance to National Sports Federation | 280.00 |
| 4. | Special (Cash) Awards | 40.00 |
| 5. | National Sports Awards | |
| 6. | Pension to Meritorious Sports persons | 15.00 |
| 7. | Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons | 2.00 |
| 8. | National Sports Development Fund | 16.00 |
| | Total | 1709.43 |
