

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2715**  
ANSWERED ON- 23/03/2023

**FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU**

2715. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

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

- (a) whether Government has allocated any funds to Tamil Nadu for the development of sports infrastructure, training and coaching facilities in the last five years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to establish the Regional Centre of Sports Authority of India and National Sports Academy in Chennai; and
- (c) whether the Central Government provides financial assistance to top performing sportspersons to train in foreign countries and by foreign coaches of International repute, if so, the details thereof and the list of sportspersons provided with such financial assistance to train abroad?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports infrastructure and training and coaching facilities rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Central Government supplements their efforts by providing assistance through various Sports Promotional Schemes.

Funds are allotted in this Ministry scheme-wise, not state-wise. Details of funds allocated under the sports development schemes/programmes of this Department during the last five years are at Annexure.

(b) Based on an exercise conducted by SAI of restructuring its existing Sports Promotional Schemes, by taking into account the available infrastructure and financial constraints, it has been decided to focus only on the existing centres.

(c) Yes, Sir. Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, promising athletes/teams, selected after following due process, are provided services of reputed Indian and foreign coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc. They are also provided financial assistance for training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad.

Details of the athletes covered under the TOPS are available at <https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in/sai/target-olympic-podium>.

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## ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2715 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023 REGARDING “FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU” ASKED BY DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU, HON’BLE MP

Funds allocated under the sports development schemes/programmes of the Department of Sports during the last five years

(in ₹ crore)

Financial Year	Budget Allocation (in ₹ crore)
2017-18	1393.21
2018-19	1381.52
2019-20	2000.00
2020-21	1313.40
2021-22	1993.00

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