

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3996
ANSWERED ON - 06/04/2023

OLYMPIC PARK IN ODISHA

3996. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish National Sports Universities in the country, including Odisha, in order to make it the best sports centre of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to build Olympic Park in Odisha so that training facilities could be provided to State level players from Odisha to become international players and win Olympic gold medals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The National Sports University (NSU) has been set up in 2018 at Imphal in Manipur through the National Sports University Act, 2018, caters to students and athletes from all States/UTs of the country, including Odisha. Presently, there is no proposal under the consideration of Government of India for establishing National Sports University in the State of Odisha. 'Sports' being a State Subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country, including sports education, rests primarily with the respective State/UT Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOP Scheme or TOPS), the flagship programme of this Ministry to provide assistance caters to elite athletes from all States/UTs, including from Odisha, in their preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
