

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-149
ANSWERED ON- 20/07/2023

PROMOTION OF WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS

149 DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes any scheme to encourage women participation in sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to promote women sports competitions in the State of Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the funds allocated by Government for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. However, this Ministry is running various sports promotional schemes across the country, including in the State of Rajasthan. These schemes include: - (i) Khelo India Scheme (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs); (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International sports events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards, Pension to Meritorious Sports Persons; (v) National Sports Development Fund; and (vi) Sports Training Centres run through Sports Authority of India. Details of these schemes are available in the public domain on the dashboard the Ministry. The above mentioned Schemes are gender neutral and cater to both male and female sportspersons.

Further, under the Khelo India scheme, there is a dedicated sub-component of "Sports for women" wherein emphasis is laid on such sports disciplines where there is less participation of women. Under this component, Khelo India Women's leagues are being organized. Till date, 51 Sports competitions have been organized, across the country including the State of Rajasthan, in 14 sports disciplines with total participation of 23,963 women athletes.

In addition, under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) of this Ministry, support is provided to promising sportspersons, in terms of modern sports sciences, foreign exposure

under experts of respective sports disciplines and participation in international events / competitions recognized by the Indian Olympic Committee (IOC). Currently, a total number of 85 elite women athletes in various sports disciplines have been covered under it.

The funds in this Ministry are allocated scheme-wise, not state-wise. The details of the funds allocated under various schemes of Department of Sports in last three years and the current year are as under:

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds allocated (Revised Estimate) (₹ in crore)
1.	2020-21	1313.40
2.	2021-22	1993.00
3.	2022-23	2245.00
4.	2023-24	2462.59 (Budget Estimate)
