

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 43
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU

*43. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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 three years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to establish a Regional Centre of Sports Authority of India and National Sports Academy in Chennai; and
- (c) whether Central Government provided financial assistance to top performing sportspersons to train in foreign countries and coached by foreign coaches of international repute and if so, the details thereof and the list of sportspersons provided with such financial assistance during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 43 FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU ASKED BY SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN.

(a): 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of Sports infrastructure, training and coaching facilities rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps.

Funds are allocated scheme-wise and not State-wise in this Ministry. Details of funds allocated under the sports development schemes/programmes of this Department during the last three 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. 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>.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 43 FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU ASKED BY SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN.

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

Financial Year	Budget Allocation (in ₹ crore)
2021-22	1993.00
2022-23	1907.69
2023-24	2380.86
