GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1270** ANSWERED ON 01/08/2024

BUDGET FOR SPORTS

1270. SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI: DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

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

(a) whether the budget for sports has increased since the financial year 2014-15;

(b) if so, the impact it has had on the overall development of sports in the country; and

(c) whether the increase in the budget has helped India win more medals in the international sports competitions, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c): The budget for sports has increased significantly since the financial year 2014-15. The Budget has increased from Rs. 772 crore in 2014-15 to Rs. 2380.86 crore in 2023-24. 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Central Government only supplements their efforts. However, the Central Government is running various sports promotional schemes across the country, such as Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports, Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), National Sports Awards, Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI) etc. Due to the implementation of these schemes, the performance of Indian athletes has improved remarkably at major International competitions, like Olympics, Paralympics, Asian Games etc. India achieved its best performance of all time with 7 Medals in Olympics 2020, 19 medals in Paralympics, 2020, 107 medals in Asian Games, 2022 and 111 medals at Asian Para Games, 2022.
