

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 3198
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27/03/2025

TRAINING FOR PARTICIPANTS OF UPCOMING OLYMPICS

3198#. SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

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

- (a) the number of participants targeted to be sent for participation in the upcoming Olympic Games and the total number of games in which those participants would participate;
- (b) the details of the targeted number of sports and participants;
- (c) the details of the sports in which the sportspersons are presently being trained with financial assistance from the Central Government;
- (d) the details of the sportspersons being trained, sport-wise; and
- (e) the details of the sports in which participants from India are receiving training for participation for the first time along with the number of sportspersons being trained in the said sport?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (b): The participation in Olympics and Paralympics is based upon qualification. Only the athletes meeting the set qualification norms by the concerned International Federation within a given time period qualify to participate. The qualification process for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games has not yet commenced and is expected to begin this year. The targeted number of sports and participants will depend on the outcomes of the qualification process, which varies across different disciplines. Therefore, the number of participants and sports in which they will participate can be ascertained once the qualification process is over.

(c) to (e): Athletes are provided with requisite facilities and financial support under various schemes of the government through Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), designated National Sports Federations (NSFs), etc. It includes financial assistance towards training of athletes along with requisite facilities. The Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), aims at providing training, support, etc. to athletes for improved performance at Olympics.

Presently, under the TOPS scheme, the athletes are being trained in the following disciplines:

S.N.	Discipline	No. of Athletes
1	Archery	14
2	Athletics	18
3	Badminton	21
4	Boxing	13
5	Hockey	Men's Team
6	Rowing	3
7	Shooting	37
8	Swimming	1
9	Table Tennis	9
10	Weightlifting	1
11	Wrestling	32
12	Squash	5
13	Para-sports	58

Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), is a targeted support scheme for the elite athletes who have already performed well at the National/International Level and have greater chance of performing well at Olympics. New athletes are inducted into this scheme from time to time, based upon their performance.
