

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-1437
ANSWERED ON- 31/07/2025

PROVISION OF CUSTOMIZED TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR PARA ATHLETES

1437 **MS. SWATI MALIWAL:**

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

- (a) whether Government provides sports equipment to para athletes across all recognised and non recognised disciplines, and if so, the number of athletes supported and sports covered;
- (b) whether any categories, especially non-Paralympic or emerging para-sports, are excluded from such support;
- (c) whether Government plans to expand provision, customisation, and maintenance of specialised equipment like racing wheelchairs and prosthetics beyond schemes like TOPS; and
- (d) whether a dedicated accessibility and equipment support cell for para-athletes is proposed, and if so, the details of the structure, timeline and plans for Delhi?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) The para-athletes are provided all requisite facilities at par with other sportspersons, besides their special needs. Under the Target Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS), 52 para-athletes are being provided support for sports equipment in Para-Athletics, Para-Archery, Para-Badminton, Para-Shooting, Para-Canoe, Para-Powerlifting and Para-Table Tennis.

Further, to provide best training environment to para-athletes, a Centre for Para Sports under its National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) Scheme at Gandhinagar is operational. Apart from Gandhinagar, training is imparted in various disciplines to para-athletes in other NCOEs also.

For Para Athletes in NCOEs, operated by SAI, equipment for training is given by their respective centres. The details are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1437 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31/07/2025 REGARDING “PROVISION OF CUSTOMIZED TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR PARA ATHLETES” ASKED BY MS. SWATI MALIWAL, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA.

Details of Para-athletes in National Centres of Excellence (NCoEs)

| S.No. | Region/ Centre Name | Disciplines | No. of athletes |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | Karnataka | | |
| 1 | Bangalore | Athletics (Para) | 19 |
| | West Bengal | | |
| 2 | Kolkata | Archery (Para) | 04 |
| | | Athletics (Para) | 03 |
| 3 | Cooch Behar | Archery (Para) | 0 |
| | | Athletics (Para) | 0 |
| | Kerala | | |
| 4 | LNCPE Trivandrum | Athletics (Para) | 03 |
| | | Taekwondo (Para) | 01 |
| | Haryana | | |
| 5 | Sonepat | Archery (Para) | 07 |
| | Gujarat | | |
| 6 | Gandhinagar | Athletics (Para) | 32 |
| | | Badminton (Para) | 06 |
| | | Fencing (Para) | 16 |
| | | Swimming (Para) | 18 |
| | | Table Tennis (Para) | 12 |
| | Maharashtra | | |
| 7 | Aurangabad | Archery (Para) | 05 |
| | | Fencing (Para) | 08 |
| | Uttar Pradesh | | |
| 8 | Lucknow | Taekwondo (Para) | 07 |
| | Delhi | | |
| 9 | Dr. KSSR | Shooting (Para) | 12 |
