

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-2225
ANSWERED ON- 07/08/2025

REVISED SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO NSFs

2225 SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

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

- (a) the key features of the Revised Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and how it addresses the needs of athletes, coaches and support-staff, particularly in terms of training infrastructure, financial aid, and exposure;
- (b) the list of sports disciplines identified for focused promotion of league culture and the selection criteria used;
- (c) the funds allocated and released under the revised scheme in the last three years; and
- (d) whether Government considers this scheme a strategic step towards India's vision of becoming a global sporting hub and a potential host of the 2036 Olympic Games, and if so, the roadmap envisaged?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, financial assistance is provided to the recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs) for training of athletes, which includes all requisite support for training, participation in international events, conduct of national championships, conduct of international tournaments in India, engagement of foreign coaches/support staff, scientific & medical support etc.

The norms of Scheme of Assistance to NSFs has been revised on 22.05.2025. The salient revisions in the norms under the Scheme are as under:

- NSFs are mandated to ensure that at least 20% of their annual budget is earmarked for grassroots development through their affiliate units,

- At least 10% of the funding provided under the scheme will be allocated for the development of coaches and technical staff.
- All NSFs will also be required to appoint a Coaching Education Expert dedicated to training trainers. Foreign experts shall also be mandated to train and build the capacity of local officials and coaches during non-training periods.
- NSFs with an annual budget of ₹10 crore and above will be required to mandatorily appoint a High-Performance Director (HPD), who will be responsible for designing and monitoring the overall technical development programme of the sport.
- A dietary allowance of ₹10,000 per month will be provided to each probable group athlete for non-camp days.
- The salary of the Chief National Coach has been increased from ₹5 lakh to ₹7.5 lakh per month, for other coaches it has been increased from ₹2 lakh to ₹3 lakh per month.
- Diet charges have been increased from ₹690 to ₹1,000 per day per athlete for senior athletes and from ₹480 to ₹850 per day for junior athletes.
- The financial assistance for the conduct of national championships has been increased to ₹90 lakh for High-Priority sports and ₹75 lakh for Priority sports.
- Financial assistance for hosting international events in the country has been doubled to ₹2 crore.

(b) Under “Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports” vertical of Khelo India Scheme, Khelo India Women’s League were supported by the Government. Till now Khelo India Women’s League have been organised in 29 sports disciplines across the country. Further, several NSFs and sports organisations are organising leagues in a range of disciplines, including Cricket, Football, Rugby, Volleyball, Kho-Kho, and Basketball. These leagues not only help in scouting and grooming emerging talent from grassroots levels but also promote regional representation and encourage private sector participation and sponsorship.

(c) The revised norms of financial assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs are being implemented from 22.05.2025. However, the allocation and release of funds (NSFs / sports discipline-wise) during the last three years are given in Annexure.

(d) The Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations plays a pivotal role in advancing India’s long-term goal of becoming a global sporting powerhouse and an eventual host of the 2036 Olympic Games. The scheme ensures robust grassroots development, professional coaching, scientific support to athletes, and increased exposure through support to NSFs for hosting and participation in international sporting events. It also prioritizes grassroots development and capacity building of coaches and technical staff. Collectively, these measures enhance competitiveness of our athletes / teams in international events and strategically position the nation for successfully hosting mega sports events like the Olympics.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2225 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/08/2025 REGARDING “REVISED SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO NSF’s” ASKED BY SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA.

S.No.	NSF/Discipline	FY. 2022-23		FY.2023-24		FY.2024-25	
		Allocated	Exp.	Allocated	Exp.	Allocated	Exp.
		(Rs. in crore)					
1	All India Chess Federation	5.5	5.01	4.18	4.18	5.2	2.08
2	All India Council of the Deaf	6.97	6.85	3.77	1.88	5.53	4.97
3	All India Football Federation	15	14.49	6.95	6.65	8.78	4.38
4	Basketball Federation of India	3.5	3.49	3.8	2.74	4.75	1.24
5	Billiards & Snooker Federation of India	2	1.99	2.1	1.12	2.49	0.99
6	Bridge Federation of India	2.7	2.49	2.88	2.64	2.75	2.52
7	Handball	2.25	1.25	2.71	2.2	1.24	1.24
8	Indian Rugby Football Union	2	1.78	3.43	3	3	2.08
9	Kho Kho Federation of India	6	4.17	1.5	0.74	2.59	2.32
10	Yogasana Bharat	1.3	0.51	1.9	0	4.89	0.75
11	Paralympics Committee of India	18.5	18.15	24	19.18	22.71	11.69
12	Special Olympics Bharat	5	4.54	8.82	7.72	2.81	1.97
13	Volleyball	3	0.01	3.8	2.74	4.39	3.16
14	Archery Association of India	15.85	11.32	16	13.5	16.45	9.27
15	Athletics Federation of India	30	27	24	23.5	26	21.56
16	Badminton Association of India	24	21	24	22	26	23.69
17	Boxing Federation of India	24	22.98	24	21	22	12.95
18	Hockey India	24	24	24	21.15	26	22.52
19	National Rifle Association of India	24	24	25	25	26.23	23.45
20	Wrestling Federation of India	20	19.69	22	13.39	Case to Case basis	13.79
21	Indian Weightlifting Federation	11	11	9	7.5	9	6.50
22	Rowing Federation of India	5	4.75	5.93	4.45	8.13	2.37

23	Swimming Federation of India	5.5	3.5	3.52	3.4	Case to Case basis	1.26
24	Table Tennis Federation of India	8	8	11	9.5	12	10.04
25	Squash Rackets Federation of India	3.2	3.2	3	2.21	4.45	2.52