

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No - 639**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/07/2025

**REVISED SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS**

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

- (a) the manner in which the revised scheme of assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) addresses the challenges faced by sportspersons and coaches/trainers;
- (b) the specific sports disciplines identified by Government for the promotion of league culture; and
- (c) the role of the scheme in promoting India's long-term goal of becoming a global sporting powerhouse and eventual host of the 2036 Olympic Games?

**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.

After the Paris Olympics 2024, a new Olympic cycle has commenced necessitating a review of the norms in light of evolving circumstances. While revising the norms, the Ministry has taken into account the increased costs due to inflation in expenditures associated with training, infrastructure development, equipment procurement, and athlete welfare programs.

Apart from enhancement in the quantum of assistance for several components in order to provide maximum support to Indian athletes / teams, some new measures have also been introduced emphasizing grassroots development and capacity building. 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 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.

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