

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1588
ANSWERED ON - 12/02/2026

TARGET OLYMPIC PODIUM SCHEME

1588. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) aims to provide assistance to India's top athletes so that they could win medals at the Olympics and includes preparation assistance for summer games for both able-bodied and paralympians;
- (b) whether the programme also offers any assistance for winter games for both able-bodied and paralympians; and
- (c) if so, the types of assistance offered and if not, whether the Ministry would consider including winter Olympics in TOPS?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) is an athlete-centric programme intended to strengthen India's medal prospects at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Scheme provides targeted support to able-bodied athletes and Para-athletes preparing for the Summer Games, covering training, coaching, international exposure, sports science, medical support, equipment, and competition-related needs.

The inclusion of additional events or disciplines under the Scheme is a continuous and dynamic process and is considered based on prescribed criteria and availability of resources. At present, TOPS is implemented for disciplines included in the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, and does not have a dedicated component for Winter Olympics.
