

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1593
ANSWERED ON- 12/02/2026

DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTSPERSONS

1593. SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

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

- (a) the various schemes currently available for development of sportspersons and their objectives;
- (b) the year-wise allocations and actual releases under these schemes during the last five years, specifically for supporting athletes including preparation for Olympic Games, State-wise;
- (c) the number of athletes supported under these schemes at the national and State levels, State-wise including the number of those progressing to Olympic qualifiers or winning medals; and
- (d) the State-wise utilisation of funds and any gap analysis, particularly for States with limited athlete representation despite allocation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) : The Government is running various sports promotional schemes for the development of sports and sportspersons across the country. These schemes include: (i) Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs); (iii) Cash Incentives to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons; (vii) National Sports Development Fund; (viii) Running Sports Training centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI); and (ix) National Centre for Sports Science and Research (NCSSR). The details of these schemes are available in the public domain on the website of the Ministry at <https://yas.nic.in/>.

(b) to (d) : Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise. The details of the funds are available on the website of the Ministry (<https://yas.gov.in/en/sports/financial-reports>).

Preparation for International events including Olympics is an ongoing and continuous process. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the National Sports Federations (NSFs), including the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) work in close coordination for providing best facilities, training, equipment support and diet required for preparation of the teams and sportspersons for the forthcoming international sports events.

Further, under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), the Government provides all requisite support including foreign training, international competition, equipment and coaching camp besides monthly Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) of Rs. 50,000/- to athletes identified for the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. At present, 249 individual athletes have been selected under the scheme.
