

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1876
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2017**

Target Olympic Podium Scheme

1876. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

- (a) the total funds allocated and spent on the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, till date;**
- (b) the criteria adopted for selection of the athletes to qualify for financial support under the scheme; and**
- (c) the number of athletes who have been shortlisted under the scheme from each State/UT including Andhra Pradesh?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)**

(a) Government of India through National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) gives financial assistance to the athletes selected under a programme namely, Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme formulated by the Government with the aim to identify, groom and prepare potential medal prospects for next Olympics and Paralympic Games. A total amount of Rs. 32.81 Crore (Rupees Thirty Two Crore Eighty One Lakh only) was released till date under the Scheme for training and other support of these selected Athletes.

(b) These athletes were identified through a process of research and in consultation with the concerned stakeholders. Benchmark for selection of these athletes under the scheme was their performance in relation to the international standard. The selection was not just on the basis of reputation, national rank, performance in Commonwealth and Asian Games only, but their current performance, consistency, fitness and the laid down bench mark.

(c) NSDF does not maintain State/UT-wise data of the Athletes.

