

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 148
TO BE ANSWERD ON 28.12.2017**

Fund for Olympic Preparation

***148. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:**

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

(a) whether any fund has been earmarked by the Government for the Athletes preparing for Olympics and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any plans for encouraging sports and budding talent from remote areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)]**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 148 FOR REPLY ON 28.12.2017 ASKED BY SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE REGARDING FUND FOR OLYMPIC PREPARATION

(a): Preparation of Indian sportspersons and teams for participation in international events including Olympic Games is an ongoing process. Although, there is no specific earmarking of funds for the athletes preparing for Olympics the same is met mainly from the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, under which assistance is given to National Sports Federations (NSFs) for holding coaching camps, procurement of sports and sports science equipments and consumables, engagement of foreign coaches / experts, etc. Government also provides financial assistance to identified elite sportspersons under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) and Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme for personalized training/coaching under national/international coaches, participation in international tournaments held in India and abroad.

(b) & (c): The Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme of SAI lay emphasis on scouting talent from among the rural and tribal youth in the age group of 10-18 years belonging to the tribal, coastal, backward and the remote hilly regions of the country. Currently there are 20 SAG Centres where 2182 trainees (1236 girls and 946 boys) are being trained and provided with expert sports coaches, playing facilities, consumable and non-consumable sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical and insurance and stipend for day boarders as per the approved scheme norms.

Further, the Ministry is implementing the “Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports” Scheme, for development of sports in the entire country, including remote areas. The Scheme, inter-alia includes verticals of “Community Coaching Development” for training Physical Education Teachers (PETs) as Master Trainers through a cascading model of coach development, ‘Talent Search and Development’, to identify and develop sporting talents from across the country, “Annual Sports Competitions” which will form a platform for talent spotting at the national level and providing development pathways for gifted and talented children to achieve excellence, and “Support to National / Regional / State Sports Academies” for facilitating and supplementing Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) programme.
