

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.978
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017**

Utilisation of Funds for Differently Abled Persons

978. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

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

- (a) details of the utilization of funds for differently abled persons under the Khelo India Scheme;**
- (b) whether there has been Sports Infrastructure creation under Khelo India Scheme, especially for the differently abled, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)}**

- (a) Rs.83.70 lakh was released in the year 2017-18 under the Khelo India Scheme, for conducting various activities like community coaches training and holding of games at District, State and National level for disabled persons.**
- (b) The revamped Khelo India Scheme which came into effect in October, 2017 consists of twelve verticals including Promotion of Sports among persons with disabilities. The relevant provisions are summarized below:**

Financial assistance on case to case basis, keeping in view fund state, will be provided to States/UTs and Sports Authority of India (SAI) for creation of specialist sports infrastructure for persons with disabilities. Funds required for making stadia disabled friendly / barrier free will be accessed from Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The funds will be used for classification of players, equipment, training and preparation of teams for Paralympic Games and disciplines and competitions. Funds will be utilized for classification of Athletes, training of Indian classifiers, and setting up/supporting Specialised Sports Training Centres for people with disabilities, coaching development, scholarships for coaching diploma both by differently abled persons and able-bodied persons seeking coaching for training para-athletes, and competitions.

(c) Does not arise.
