

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

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO.283  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-03-2018**

**Target Olympic Podium Scheme**

**\*283. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:**

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

**(a) whether it is a fact that the high profile committee has expressed its concerns regarding the tardy implementation of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme in the country;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;**

**(c) whether the said committee has also asked the Government for a status report on the scheme; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 283 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-03-2018 REGARDING "TARGET OLYMPIC PODIUM SCHEME" ASKED BY SHRI V. ELUMALAI, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

**(a) & (b): Madam, Former Chairman of the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme Elite Athletes Identification Committee, had sent a letter dated 28.11.2017 regarding constitution of a Sub-Committee for implementation of the protocols recommended for identification and review of Athletes selected under TOP Scheme.**

**The TOPS Sub Committee recommendations cover a wide range of issues not only relating to selection of athletes and review of performance, but training plan, financial support, scientific support, medical review etc.**

**Based on the recommendations of the Task Force for preparation of comprehensive action plan for effective participation of sportspersons in the next three Olympic Games, Government approved constitution of an Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) with the mandate to formulate and implement effective measures for preparation of our sportspersons for future Olympic Games. In the interim, mandate of ESC is competently and effectively being carried out by TOP Scheme Elite Athletes Identification Committee. So far, 220 athletes are covered under TOP Scheme.**

**(c): The Committee has not asked for a status report on the Scheme.**

**(d): The Question does not arise in view of para (c) above.**

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