

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2626
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018**

Facilities to Para-athletes

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide world class facilities to para-athletes so as to train them for various International competitions including Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to set up the state-of-the-art high performance facilities for rehabilitation, fitness training and sports science and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure proper lodging facilities including accessible accommodation and dedicated toilets for para-athletes in stadiums and gymnasiums and if so, the details thereof along with the details of other facilities provided to para-athletes; and
- (d) whether the Government has made provision for availability of mobility devices in sufficient quantity at stadiums and gymnasiums in the country for para-athletes and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS
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(a) & (b) Preparation of Indian sportspersons / teams for international competitions including Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympic

Games is an ongoing process. This Ministry has recognised Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) as National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion of sports among para-athletes and grants maximum financial assistance. Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, financial assistance is provided to NSFs, including the PCI, for preparation of athletes. The funding covers, inter-alia, expenditure on equipment, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad.

In addition, under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme, sportspersons, including para-athletes, having the best possible prospects in Mega events like the Olympics, are identified and provided with high level customised support.

Sports Science/ Medicine Centres have been established in the Regional Centres and Academic Institutions under Sports Authority of India (SAI). List of such centres is in Annexure – I. Further, the Government provides financial assistance to different institutions for establishment of sports science/medicine department. The list of institutions, who have been selected for financial assistance for the purpose is in Annexure – II.

(c) & (d) Providing different facilities to para-athletes, including proper and accessible accommodation, mobility devices, dedicated toilets, etc., during training and competition falls under the purview of the organizers of such events. As regards facilities of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Lakshmi Bai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE) are concerned, making them disabled friendly is an ongoing process and action to address the needs of para-athletes are being taken from time to time.

Netaji Subhas Western Centre, Gandhinagar of Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been identified and developed as the main centre for holding sports activities pertaining to differently-abled athletes.
