

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †503  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018**

**Promotion of Paralympics**

**†503. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:**

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

- (a) the details of provisions made under Khelo India Scheme to promote, encourage and impart training to para athletes;**
- (b) the annual budgetary allocation made in this regard;**
- (c) the achievement of India in the last Commonwealth/International Paralympics; and**
- (d) the manner in which sportspersons are being encouraged for better performance in Paralympics?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
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**(a) & (b) The Khelo India Scheme has a dedicated vertical, namely, “Promotion of Sports among persons with disabilities” for supporting athletes with disabilities which includes Para-athletes. The funds provided under this head can be used for classification of players, equipment, training and preparation of teams, holding of competitions / events etc. As per the notified scheme the indicative estimated budget for this vertical for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 is Rs.15 crore each year.**

**(c) In the Paralympic Games 2016, Indian para athletes won 04 medals (02 Gold, 01 silver and 01 bronze). In the last Commonwealth Games held at Gold Coast, Australia in 2018 Indian Athletes won 66**

**medals (26 Gold, 20 Silver and 20 Bronze) including 01 Bronze medal in Para power-lifting event. In the last Asian Para Games held at Jakarta, Indonesia in 2018 Indian Para Athletes won 72 medals (15 Gold, 24 Silver and 33 Bronze).**

**(d) Government has recognized Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) as the National Sports Federation (NSF) for development and promotion of para sports events controlled by it. Also all para sports have been placed in the “Priority” category so that it is eligible for maximum financial assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.**

**Sports Authority of India (SAI) has established a Centre of Excellence for Para Athletes at SAI Netaji Subhas Western Centre (NSWC), Gandhinagar for regular training of Para Athletes.**

**In preparation for participation in various international competitions including Paralympics in different sports disciplines, coaching camps are mainly organized at SAI Netaji Subhas Western Centre, Gandhinagar, SAI Ch. Devi Lal Northern Regional Centre, Sonapat and SAI Netaji Subhas Southern Centre, Bangalore. Furthermore, all the SAI Stadia and training centres are made disabled-friendly and up-gradation of the same is carried out from time to time to ensure comfort of differently-abled athletes.**

**In addition, the Ministry under its Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) identifies athletes from various disciplines including the Para Athletes who have the potential of winning medal. These athletes, other than being provided an out of pocket allowance (OPA) of Rs.50,000/- per month, are funded for additional expenses for their coaching, equipment, support staff etc. The athletes under the Scheme are also periodically reviewed for their performance and to assess requirement for customized support.**

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