

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5301  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019**

**Encouraging Women to Take up Sports**

**5301. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for encouraging women to take up sports;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to promote women sporting events;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the total funds allocated/released for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, state/UT wise?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

**(a) to (d) :** Sports promotional schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) are gender neutral and cater to the entire population of the country, including both male and female sportspersons. 'Sports for Women' vertical of Khelo India scheme aims at encouraging women sportspersons. Under this vertical support was extended by this Ministry for hosting International Boxing Association (AIBA) Women's World Boxing Championship in New Delhi, 2018 by providing financial assistance of Rs. 3.00 crore. The elite athletes being supported under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) includes 20 women. Central Government has established 3 Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centres exclusively for female athletes. Presently, 4,269 female athletes are being trained in 273 SAI Training Centres.

**(e) State/ Union Territory (UT) wise funds are not allocated under the schemes of this Ministry.**

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