

Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
(Department of Sports)

LOK SABHA
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Financial Support to Players

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

(a) whether any provision exists for extending financial support or resources to the players struggling in the field of sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated under Khelo India Programme during the last two financial years, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. This Ministry implements the following schemes to extend suitable assistance/financial support to the athletes:

- i. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons - provides suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons of the past, living in indigent circumstances. Quantum of assistance from the fund is ranges from ₹2 lakhs to ₹10 lakhs on the various grounds, including medical treatment.**
- ii. National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) - provides financial assistance to National/International level sportspersons for international/world class training and equipment. NSDF also releases Block Grants to Sports Authority of India under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (SAI-TOPS).**

- iii. **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**, the Government provides assistance to India's top athletes in their preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Selected athletes are supported with funding from NSDF for customized training and other support not available under normal schemes. Out-of-pocket allowance (OPA) of Rs. 50,000/- per month is paid to the Core group athletes and Rs. 25,000/- per month to the Development Group athletes under TOPS.
- iv. **The Sports Authority of India (SAI)** implements various sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented athletes in different age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international levels, viz.:-
- **National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)**
 - **SAI Training Centre (STC)**
 - **Extension Centre of STC**
 - **National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)**

(c) : Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise. Details of funds allocated under the Khelo India Scheme during the last 2 years are as below:

F.Y.	Allocated funds (BE) (in ₹ Crores)
2020-21	890.42
2021-22	657.71
