

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.975
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2022**

Target Olympic Programme

**975. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved foreign training camps for Olympic champion along with three other athletes under 'TOPS' (Target Olympic Podium Scheme);**
- (b) if so, the details of all sportspersons selected under the TOPS during the last one year;**
- (c) the number of sportspersons who applied for, were selected and rejected for the financial assistance in foreign training camps during the last one year, State/UT-wise;**
- (d) the details of budget allocation and expenditure of TOPS for the financial year 2022-23; and**
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in support of sportspersons in the country during the last two years?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government has approved foreign training camps under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) of this Ministry.

(b): The details of all sportspersons selected under the TOPS during the last one year are given in Annexure – I.

(c): The details of the number of sportspersons who applied for, were selected, and rejected for the financial assistance in foreign training camps during the last one year, State/UT-wise, are given in Annexure – II.

(d): Budget of Rs. 31.60 Crore has been allocated for TOPS for the financial year 2022-23. Expenditure of Rs. 12.88 Crore has been sanctioned under TOPS till date.

(e): Sports being a State Subject, the responsibility to support the sportspersons in the country rests primarily with the respective State/UT Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements various schemes supporting sportspersons across the country, viz.:

- (i) Khelo India Scheme;**
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations;**
- (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches;**
- (iv) National Sports Awards;**
- (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons;**
- (vi) PanditDeendayalUpadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund;**
- (vii) National Sports Development Fund (NSDF); and**
- (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India.**

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXUREREFERREDINREPLYTOPART(B)OFLOKSABHAUNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 975 FOR ANSWER ON 13-12-2022 REGARDING TARGET OLYMPIC PROGRAMME ASKED BY SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK,DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR, SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA), SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR AND SHRI BHOLA SINGH, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT****Details of all sportspersons selected under the TOPS during the last one year for foreign training camps (2021-22):**

| Sno | Discipline | Athlete name | No of Foreign Camps |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Fencing | C.A. Bhavani Devi | 3 |
| | | Karan Singh | 3 |
| | | SheetalDalal | 1 |
| | | Taniksha Khatri | 1 |
| | | Chingakhmjetlee Singh | 1 |
| | | R S Sherjin | 1 |
| | | VedikaKhushi | 1 |
| | | AbhayShinde | 1 |
| | | Shreya Gupta | 1 |
| | | OinamJubraj | 1 |
| | | SN Siva Magesh | 1 |
| | LaishramMoramba | 1 | |
| 2 | Cycling | - | 0 |
| 3 | Shooting | - | 0 |
| 4 | Archery | - | 0 |
| 5 | Badminton | PV Sindhu | 1 |
| | | SainaNehwal | 1 |
| 6 | Wrestling | Ravi Kumar Dahiya | 1 |
| | | Deepak Punia | 3 |
| | | BajrangPunia | 4 |
| | | VineshPhogat | 1 |
| | | Sunil Kumar | 1 |
| 7 | Weightlifting | MirabaiChanu | 1 |
| | | AchintaSheuli | 1 |
| | | Bindyarani Devi | 1 |
| 8 | Table Tennis | Swastika Ghosh | 1 |
| 9 | Swimming | Sajan Prakash | 1 |

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| | | Aryan Nehra | 1 |
| 10 | Rowing | - | 0 |
| 11 | Boxing | - | 0 |
| 12 | Athletics | Neeraj Chopra | 5 |
| | | Tajinder Singh Toor | 1 |
| 13 | Sailing | Varun Thakkar | 1 |
| | | KC Ganapathy | 1 |
| | | NethraKumanan | 1 |
| | | Vishnu Saravanan | 1 |

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXUREREFERREDINREPLYTOPART(C) OFLOKSABHAUNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 975 FOR ANSWER ON 13-12-2022 REGARDING TARGET OLYMPIC PROGRAMME ASKED BY SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK, DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR, SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA), SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR AND SHRI BHOLA SINGH, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Number of sportspersons who applied for, were selected and rejected for the financial assistance in foreign training camps during the last one year, State/UT-wise

| Year | Discipline | No of Sportsperson applied for Financial Assistance for Foreign Training camps (under TOPS) 2021-22 | Selected | Rejected | State/UT wise |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 2021-22 | Fencing | 12 | 12 | 0 | 3- Tamil Nadu 3-Manipur 2- Haryana 1- Maharashtra 1- Rajasthan 1- Chattisgarh 1-Jammu &kashmir |
| | Swimming | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1- Kerala 1- Gujarat |
| | Table Tennis | 1 | 1 | 0 | Maharashtra |
| | Athletics | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1-Haryana 1-Punjab |
| | Cycling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Sailing | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3-Chennai 1-Maharashtra |
| | Shooting | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1-UP 1-Punjab |
| | Wrestling | 11 | 10 | 1 | 9 - Haryana 1 - Delhi |
| | Boxing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Para Athletics | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1- Rajasthan 1-Himachal |

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|--|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| | Weightlifting | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 - Manipur 1- West Bengal |
| | Badminton | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2- Telangana |
| | Archery | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/A |
