

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 291
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2023**

Athletes representing India at Olympics and Commonwealth Games

***291. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

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

(a) the details and the number of athletes belonging to the State of Andhra Pradesh who represented India at the latest Olympics;

(b) the details and the number of athletes belonging to the said State who represented India at the latest Commonwealth games;

(c) the details of division of such athletes into male and female athletes respectively; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase such participation?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 291 to be answered on 21.3.2023 by SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU regarding 'Athletes representing India at Olympics and Commonwealth Games'

(a) to (c): The details of athletes belonging to the State of Andhra Pradesh who represented India at Tokyo Olympic Games, 2020 and Commonwealth Games, 2022 are as under:

Tokyo Olympics, 2020			
S No.	Name	Discipline	Gender
1.	Shri Satwiksairaj Rankireddy	Badminton	Male
2.	Ms. P.V Sindhu		Female
3.	Ms. Rajani Etimarpu	Hockey	Female

Commonwealth Games, 2022			
S. No.	Name	Discipline	Gender
1.	Ms. Jyothi Yarraji	Athletics	Female
2.	Shri Kidambi Srikanth	Badminton	Male
3.	Shri Satwiksairaj Rankireddy		Male
4.	Ms. P.V Sindhu		Female
5.	Ms. Rajani Etimarpu	Hockey	Female

(d): Sports, being a State subject, it is responsibility of State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations to take steps for promotion and development of the sports in their respective States/UTs so that more and more sportspersons from their States and UTs achieve the levels of excellence to participate in international sports events including mega sports such as Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games.

On its part, the schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs aiming at increased participation in international sports events are

applicable to sportspersons from across the country including that from Andhra Pradesh.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is providing financial assistance to recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs) towards training of athletes which includes all requisite facilities for their preparations including wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, equipment support, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc. besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad through the Scheme of financial assistance to NSFs. For the said purpose, an Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) budget is approved for each NSF every year.

Further, elite Athletes are selected and provided with financial assistance like Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA), equipment support, coaches etc. under the Ministry's Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).
