

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2235
ANSWERED ON 14.03.2023**

Funds for Sports Infrastructure to Tamil Nadu

2235. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

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

(a) whether the Government has allocated any fund to Tamil Nadu for the development of Sports infrastructure and training and coaching facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, during each of the last nine years;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to establish the Regional Centre of Sports Authority of India and National Sports Academy in Chennai;

(d) whether the Union Government has provided financial assistance to top performing sportspersons to be trained in foreign countries by foreign coaches of International repute; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the list of sportspersons provided with financial assistance to be trained in abroad?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR }**

(a) and (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports infrastructure and training and coaching facilities rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts by providing assistance through various Sports Promotional Schemes.

Details of funds allocated under the sports development schemes/programmes of this Department during the last nine years are at Annexure.

(c) Based on an exercise conducted by SAI of restructuring its existing Sports Promotional Schemes, by taking into account the available infrastructure and financial constraints, it has been decided to focus only on the existing centres.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations of the Ministry, promising athletes/teams, selected after following due process, are provided services of reputed Indian and foreign coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc. They are also provided financial assistance for training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad.

Details of the athletes covered under the TOPS are available at <https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in/sai/target-olympic-podium>.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2235 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2023 REGARDING “FUNDS FOR SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE TO TAMIL NADU” ASKED BY SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND, HON’BLE MP

Funds allocated under the sports development schemes/programmes of the Department of Sports during the last nine years

(in ₹ crore)

Financial Year	Budget Allocation (in ₹ crore)
2013-14	866.59
2014-15	772.00
2015-16	1024.46
2016-17	1078.35
2017-18	1393.21
2018-19	1381.52
2019-20	2000.00
2020-21	1313.40
2021-22	1993.00
