

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4424  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023**

**Scholarship To Sportspersons**

**4424. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:**

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

**(a) whether scholarship is provided to sportspersons and if so, the details thereof including the number of beneficiaries and the expenditure incurred, since its inception, year-wise;**

**(b) whether there are provisions for aiding marginalized communities, including SCs/STs and rural candidates;**

**(c) if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Government plans to increase the number of sportspersons being provided scholarships; and**

**(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a): Yes Sir. Under Khelo India scheme, talented athletes selected from various avenues, like Khelo India Games, National Championships conducted by the respective National Sports Federations (NSFs) etc. in 21 sports disciplines (including para sports) are provided sports scholarship in the form of financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 /- per month as Out of Pocket allowance (OPA). The year-wise details of the same are given below: -**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>No. of sportspersons</b>	<b>Amount (in Rs.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2431</b>	<b>9,17,40,000 /-</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2711</b>	<b>33,27,90,000 /-</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>3030</b>	<b>33,36,50,000 /-</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>30,88,60,000 /-</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>2022-23 (till date)</b>	<b>2759</b>	<b>22,84,00,000/-</b>

**Under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), scholarship in terms of OPA is being provided to TOPS athletes at the rate of 50,000/- per month for Core Group athletes and Rs. 25,000/- per month for Development Group athletes.**

**At present,98 athletes in Core Group and 165 athletes in Development Group are supported under the TOPS Scheme.The year wise details are given below: -**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>No. of sportspersons</b>	<b>Amount (in Rs.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>5,94,00,000/-</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>5,63,00,000/-</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>11,71,00,000/-</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>11,47,73,580/-</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>2022-23 (till date)</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>21,80,50,772/-</b>

**Further, there is also provision for scholarship for sportspersons under the scheme of Human Resources Development in Sports (HRDS). The sportspersons may apply for financial assistance for Fellowship as per Para 3.1 of the scheme of HRDS. So far, the Department has not received any proposal for scholarship from sportsperson under the scheme of HRDS.**

**(b) and (c): Social / Economic status is not considered as a criteria for selection of sportspersons under various schemes of this Department. Talents are identified based on their merit and potential.**

**(d) and (e): Talent Identification is a continuous process. Thus, providing scholarships under the various Scheme of the Ministry is a dynamic process based on the Assessment Methodology and Selection Criteria.**

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