

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.847  
ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023**

**Participation of India in International Sports for Persons with  
Disabilities**

**847. MS. DIYA KUMARI:**

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

**(a) the steps currently being taken by the Government to increase international participation of India in sports for persons with disabilities;**

**(b) whether the Government has taken any measures to promote the participation of persons with disabilities in sports competitions at the international level including the Paralympic Games;**

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

**(d) whether the Government is considering the need to build new, disabled-friendly sports stadiums or complexes to increase the participation of youth with disabilities in sports and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(e) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to ensure equal recruitment opportunities for sportspersons with disabilities across the country, State/UT-wise?**

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

**(a) to (c) Government provides financial assistance to the National Sports Federations (NSFs) viz., the Paralympic Committee of India**

**(PCI), the All India Sports Council for Deaf (AISCD), the Special Olympic Bharat (SOB) and the Cerebral Palsy Sports Federation of India (CPSFI) towards training of sports person with disabilities for their participation in international events including Paralympic Games. The athletes selected for international competitions are provided with 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. Under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), talented athletes are selected and provided financial assistance like Out of Pocket Allowance, equipment support, coaches etc., for their customized training. Athletes are retained in the TOPS based on the regular assessment of their performance.**

**(d) Yes, Sir. To promote sports among the persons with disabilities, SAI has established a Para Centre under SAI's National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) Scheme at SAI Regional Centre, Gandhinagar. The center is operational in the disciplines of Athletics, Swimming, Powerlifting & Table Tennis. All the SAI Stadiums and training centres have been made disabled-friendly and up-gradation of the same is carried out from time-to-time to ensure comfort of sports person with disabilities. Under the component "Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports" of the Khelo India Scheme, sports infrastructure and training centers are created so as to ensure effective participation of Persons with Disabilities.**

**(e) Yes. Recruitment of meritorious sportspersons, including persons with disabilities is done as per Government Guidelines. More chances are given to the recruitment opportunities of persons with disabilities in almost all States.**

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