

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.916  
ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023**

**Para-Sportspersons**

**916. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:**

**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

**(a) whether the Government has any policy for the advancement of para-sports and para-sportspersons in the country, if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether it is a fact that India has performed exceptionally well in the Paralympic sports in the recent past and if so, the details and achievements of para-sportspersons, State/UT-wise including Bihar;**

**(c) whether there is any existing scheme of supporting para-sportspersons through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) the details and the number of para-sportspersons who have received support from CSR fund and other funds in the country during the last five years, State, UT and district-wise including the district of Saran in Bihar;**

**(e) the details of Sports Authority of India centres which are accessible for para-athletes, State/UT-wise including Bihar; and**

**(f) the details of the efforts made by the Government to increase para-sports participation in the country?**

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

**(a) to (c): The para-athletes are provided all requisite facilities at par with other sportspersons, besides their special needs. Indian para-**

**athletes are supported under various Schemes of this Ministry and Sports Authority of India (SAI). The identified promising sportspersons/teams, including para athletes, are provided all requisite facilities for their preparations, including a wholesome and nutritious diet, equipment, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/support staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc., besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad. Para-sports have been placed in the “Priority” category for financial assistance by the Government, and all the requisite assistance is provided for training and competitive exposure of the para athletes, as per the norms laid down for this purpose. Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), talented athletes are selected and provided assistance like the Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA), equipment Support, coaches etc, for their customized training. Further, the athletes are retained in the TOPS based on the regular assessment of their performance. Details of current para athletes under TOPS is at Annexure-I.**

**India has performed exceptionally well in the Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020, as the Indian para athletes won a total of 19 medals (5 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 Bronze), details of which are given in Annexure-II.**

**(d): The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) has informed that it is collaborating with many companies for CSR funding for providing the support to para-athletes in form of training/coaching, diet, equipment, international exposure, and international training programs etc. The list of such CSR projects, as informed by PCI, are as under:**

- 1. SBI Para Athlete Grant Program by SBI Foundation**
- 2. Project Divyang by Cairn Foundation**
- 3. Project Khelo Hero - Hero MotoCorp Ltd**

**As reported by the PCI, details and the number of athletes who have received support and funds from CSR during the last five years, State/UT/district-wise, including in Bihar, are given at Annexure-III.**

**(e): The Netaji Subhas Western Centre, Gandhinagar of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been identified as the dedicated centre for sports activities pertaining to differently-abled athletes and the Centre is well equipped and specially-abled friendly. 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 specially-abled athletes. Status of major infrastructure based on differently abled friendly features in National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) is attached at Annexure-IV.**

**(f): As stated in reply to parts (a) to (c) above, the para-athletes are provided all requisite facilities at par with other sportspersons, besides their special needs, under the Schemes of the Ministry and SAI, with the aim of increasing participation of para athletes for achieving excellence at the national and international levels.**

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**ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.916 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023 REGARDING “PARA-SPORTSPERSONS” ASKED BY SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA.**

**List of current 40 Para Athletes under TOPS**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>State</b>
1	Harvinder Singh	Para Archery	Men’s Recurve	Haryana
2	Sandeep Chaudhary	Para Athletics	Men’s Javelin Throw F44/64	Haryana
3	Sharad Kumar	Para Athletics	Men’s High Jump T42/63	New Delhi
4	Sumit Antil	Para Athletics	Men’s Javelin Throw F64	Haryana
5	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Para Athletics	Men’s Javelin Throw F46	Rajasthan
6	Amit Saroha	Para Athletics	Men’s Club Throw F51	Haryana
7	Nishad Kumar	Para Athletics	Men’s High Jump T47	Himachal Pradesh
8	Yogesh Kathuniya	Para Athletics	Men’s Discus Throw F56	Haryana
9	Mariyappan T	Para Athletics	Men’s High Jump T63	Tamil Nadu
10	Praveen Kumar	Para Athletics	Men’s High Jump T64	Uttar Pradesh
11	Navdeep	Para Athletics	Men’s Javelin F41	Haryana
12	Devendra J	Para Athletics	Men’s Javelin F46	Rajasthan
13	Ekta Bhyan	Para Athletics	Women’s Club Throw F51	Haryana
14	Neeraj Yadav	Para Athletics	Men’s Javelin Throw F55	New Delhi
15	Nimisha C Suresh	Para Athletics	Women’s Long Jump T46	Kerala
16	Radha Venkatesh	Para Athletics	Women’s 1500m T12	Karnataka
17	Dharambir	Para Athletics	Men’s Club Throw and Discus F51	Haryana
18	Someshwara Rao	Para Athletics	Men’s Long Jump T64	Andhra Pradesh
19	Suhas Yathiraj	Para Badminton	MS SL4	Karnataka

20	Krishna Nagar	Para Badminton	MS SH6	Rajasthan
21	Pramod Bhagat	Para Badminton	MS SL3	Odisha
22	Manoj Sarkar	Para Badminton	MS SL3	Uttarakhand
23	Tarun Dhillon	Para Badminton	MS SL4	Haryana
24	Parul Parmar	Para Badminton	WS SL 3	Gujarat
25	Manasi Joshi	Para Badminton	WS SL3	Gujarat
26	Nithya Sre	Para Badminton	WS SH6	Tamil Nadu
27	Manisha Ramadass	Para Badminton	WS SU5	Tamil Nadu
28	Mandeep Kaur	Para Badminton	WS SL3	U. P
29	Avani Lekhara	Para Shooting	R2 - Women's 10m Air Rifle SH1	Rajasthan
30	Manish Narwal	Para Shooting	P1 - Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Haryana
31	Singhraj Adana	Para Shooting	P4 - Mixed 50m Pistol SH1	Haryana
32	Bhavina Patel	Para Table Tennis	Women's Wheelchair - Class 4	Gujarat
33	Suyash Jadhav	Para Swimming	S7, SM7, SB7	Maharashtra
34	Prachi Yadav	Para - Canoe	Women's Single VL2	M.P
35	Parmjeet Kumar	Para - Powerlifting	Men's under 49 kg	Punjab
36	Sudhir	Para - Powerlifting	Men's up to 88 kg	Haryana
37	Rinku	Para -Athletics	Men's Javelin Throw F46	Haryana
38	Sriharsha	Para Shooting	R4- Rifle	Karnataka
39	Sukant Kadam	Para-Badminton	Men's Single SL4	Maharashtra
40	Nitesh Kumar	Para-Badminton	Men's Single SL3	Haryana

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**LIST OF MEDAL WINNERS IN TOKYO PARALYMPICS 2020**

<b>S. N</b>	<b>Name of Sportsperson</b>	<b>Medal</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>State</b>
1	Devendra	Silver	Athletics Men's Javelin Throw - F46	Rajasthan
2	Nishad Kumar	Silver	Athletics Men's High Jump - T47	Himachal Pradesh
3	Sharad Kumar	Bronze	Athletics Men's High Jump - T63	Delhi
4	Sumit	Gold	Athletics Men's Javelin Throw - F64	Haryana
5	Yogesh Kathuniya	Silver	Athletics Men's Discus Throw - F56	Haryana
6	Bhavinaben Hasmukhbhai Patel	Silver	Table Tennis Women's Singles - Class 4	Gujarat
7	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Bronze	Athletics Men's Javelin Throw - F46	Rajasthan
8	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Silver	Athletics Men's High Jump - T63	Tamil Nadu
9	Praveen Kumar	Silver	Athletics Men's High Jump - T64	Uttar Pradesh
10	Avani Lekhara	Gold	Shooting R2 Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing - SH1	Rajasthan
		Bronze	Shooting R8 Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1	
11	Harvinder Singh	Bronze	Archery Men's Individual Recurve Open	Haryana
12	Manish Narwal	Gold	Shooting P4 Mixed 50m Pistol SH1	Haryana
13	Singhraj	Silver	Shooting P4 Mixed 50m Pistol SH1	Haryana
		Bronze	Shooting P1 Men's 10 M Air Pistol SH1	
14	Pramod Bhagat	Gold	Badminton Men's Singles SL3	Odisha
15	Manoj Sarkar	Bronze	Badminton Men's Singles SL3	Uttarakhand
16	Krishna Nagar	Gold	Badminton Men's Singles SH6	Rajasthan
17	Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj	Silver	Badminton Men's Singles SL4	Uttar Pradesh

**ANNEXURE-III REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.916 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023 REGARDING “PARA-SPORTSPERSONS” ASKED BY SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA.**

**LIST OF PARA ATHLETES SUPPORTED BY PCI FROM CSR FUNDING**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Athlete</b>	<b>Sports</b>	<b>State</b>
1	Ms. Jyoti Baliyan	Para Archery	Uttar Pradesh
2	Mr. Shyam Sundar	Para Archery	Gujarat
3	Mr. Rakesh Kumar	Para Archery	J & K
4	Mr. Neeraj Yadav	Para Athletics	Delhi
5	Ms. Nidhi Mishra	Para Athletics	Delhi
6	Ms. Kashish Lakra	Para Athletics	Delhi
7	Ms. Simran	Para Athletics	Uttar Pradesh
8	Mr. Anil Kumar	Para Athletics	Haryana
9	Mr. Virendra Kumar	Para Athletics	Haryana
10	Mr. Navdeep	Para Athletics	Haryana
11	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Yadav	Para Athletics	Uttar Pradesh
12	Ms. Shatabdi Avasthi	Para Athletics	Rajasthan
13	Mr. Ishan Khandelwal	Para Athletics	Rajasthan
14	Ms. Ramya	Para Athletics	Karnataka
15	Mr. Anantha Rao	Para Athletics	Karnataka
16	Mr. Sharath MS	Para Athletics	Karnataka
17	Ms. Jayanti Behra	Para Athletics	Odisha
18	Mr. Soman Rana	Para Athletics	Meghalaya
19	Ms. Palak Kohli	Para Badminton	Punjab
20	Mr. Biri Takar	Para Badminton	Arunachal Pradesh
21	Ms. Pooja Gupta	Boccia	Punjab
22	Mr. Ashok Kumar	Para Powerlifting	Haryana
23	Mr. Shiv Prakash Yadav	Para Powerlifting	Haryana
24	Ms. Sakina Khatun	Para Powerlifting	Uttar Pradesh
25	Mr. Manish Narwal	Para Shooting	Haryana
26	Mr. Akash	Para Shooting	Uttar Pradesh
27	Mr. Anurodh Panwar	Para Shooting	Uttarakhand
28	Ms. Simran Sharma	Para Shooting	Haryana
29	Mr. Swaroop M Unhalkar	Para Shooting	Maharashtra
30	Mr. Krishna Das	Para Swimming	Assam
31	Mr. Devendra Jhajharia	Para Athletics	Rajasthan
32	Mr. Krishna Nagar	Para	Rajasthan

		<b>Badminton</b>	
<b>33</b>	<b>Ms. Nisha Kanwar</b>	<b>Para Shooting</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>Ms. Parul D Parmar</b>	<b>Para Badminton</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Mr. Sundar Singh Gurjar</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Mr. Sandeep Singh Maan</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Mr. Devender Gehlot</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Mr. Iliyas Adam Bhai Vohra</b>	<b>Para Shooting</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Ms. Khambhati Arpana</b>	<b>Para Shooting</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Mr. Mahendra Gurjar</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>Mr. Ramu Babu Bhai Bhambhav</b>	<b>Para Powerlifting</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Mr. Rishiraj Rathore</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Ms. Bhavanben Ajabaji Chaudhary</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>Mr. Vikash Bhatiwala</b>	<b>Para Shooting</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>Mr. Rudransh Khandelwal</b>	<b>Para Shooting</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>Mr. Abhijeet Sakhuja</b>	<b>Para Badminton</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>Mr. Aditya Giri</b>	<b>Para Shooting</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>Ms. Aakansha Chaudhary</b>	<b>Para Shooting</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>Mr. Atul Kaushik</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Delhi</b>
50.	<b>Ms. Jyoti Sannaki</b>	<b>Para Shooting</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>
51.	<b>Mr. Manoj Kumar S</b>	<b>Wheelchair Racing</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>
52.	<b>Ms. Meeta Balramdas Pandya</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>
53.	<b>Ms. Sheetal Devi</b>	<b>Para Archery</b>	<b>J &amp; K</b>
54.	<b>Mr. Pranav Desai</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>
55.	<b>Mr. Siridhar Satyapal Rayala</b>	<b>Para Shooting</b>	<b>Telangana</b>
56.	<b>Mr. Tarh Radhe</b>	<b>Para Powerlifting</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>
57.	<b>Mr. Anowar Sikdar</b>	<b>Para Swimming</b>	<b>Assam</b>
58.	<b>Mr. Aamit Kumar</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Punjab</b>
59.	<b>Ms. Kanchan Lakhani</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Haryana</b>
60.	<b>Mr. Mithan</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Punjab</b>
61.	<b>Mr. Jaspreet Singh</b>	<b>Para Athletics</b>	<b>Punjab</b>
62.	<b>Ms. Bhawana Sharma</b>	<b>Para Powerlifting</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>63.</b>	<b>Mr. Abu Hubaida</b>	<b>Para Badminton</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>

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**ANNEXURE-IV REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (E) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.916 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023 REGARDING “PARA-SPORTSPERSONS” ASKED BY SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY, HON’BLE MEMBER OF LOK SABHA.**

**STATUS OF MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE BASED ON DIFFERENTLY ABLED FRIENDLY FEATURES IN NCOEs**

SI No	Name of the center	Disabled Friendly Status of Existing Buildings (n numbers)		
		Yes	Partially	No
1	NCoE Guwahati	3	3	0
2	NCoE Itanagar	2	0	5
3	NCoE Kolkata	0	5	12
4	NCOE Jagatpur	0	2	2
5	NCoE Lucknow	6	16	9
6	NCoE Sonapat	11	7	1
7	NCoE Patiala	25	0	0
8	Dr. SPMSPC	2	0	0
9	NCoE Gandhinagar	13	5	0
10	NCoE Bhopal	5	7	5
11	NCoE Imphal	0	11	0
12	JLN Stadium	14	0	0
13	IGSC	7	0	0
14	MDCNS	13	0	0
15	Dr. KSSR	9	1	0
16	NCoE, Mumbai	3	4	4
17	NCoE, Aurangabad	1	5	5
18	NCoE Bangalore	18	2	0
19	NCOE Trivandrum	1	7	12
20	NCOE Dharamshala	4	0	3
21	NCOE Alleppey	0	1	4
22	NCOE Rohtak	5	2	0
23	NCOE Hamirpur	0	6	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>64</b>

**STATUS OF MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE BASED ON DIFFERENTLY ABLED FRIENDLY FEATURES IN STCs**

SI No	Name of the center	Disable Friendly Status of Existing Buildings in Nos		
		Yes	Partially	No
1	STC Namchi	0	0	5
2	STC Golaghat	0	0	2
3	STC Tinsukia	2	0	5
4	STC Kokrajhar	5	2	2
5	STC Shillong	3	0	4
6	STC Naharlagun	0	0	1
7	STC Solalgaon	0	0	3
8	STC Hazaribagh	0	2	10
9	STC Sundargarh	0	0	5
10	STC Ranchi	0	0	6
11	STC Bolpur	0	0	5
12	STC Kishanganj	0	0	8
13	STC Portblair	0	0	4
14	STC Agartala	0	0	15
15	STC Patna	2	0	8
16	STC Car Nicobar	0	0	4
17	STC Gidhaur	0	0	5
18	STC Bardhaman	0	0	2
19	STC Cuttack	0	0	6
20	STC Lebong	0	0	3
21	STC Jalpaiguri	0	0	5
22	STC Dhenkanal	0	0	3
23	STC Kashipur	5	0	0
24	STC Raebareli	0	0	4
25	STC Bareilly	1	5	2
26	STC Varanasi	0	0	8
27	STC Krukshtera	1	0	2
28	STC Bhiwani	2	1	1
29	STC Hisar	0	1	0
30	STC Patiala	1	0	1
31	HATC Shillaroo	0	0	5
32	STC Jodhpur	1	0	6
33	STC Jaipur	7	1	0
34	STC Alwar	0	0	6
35	STC Jabalpur	1	3	3
36	STC Dhar	1	0	7
37	STC Tikamgarh	1	2	2
38	STC Raipur	3	0	4

39	STC Rajnandgaon	3	5	2
40	STC Utlou	0	6	0
41	STC Imphal	0	6	0
42	STC Dimapur	0	5	0
43	STC Aizawl	0	7	0
44	STC Ponda	0	1	0
45	STC Peddem	0	1	0
46	STC Bangalore	2	0	0
47	STC, Dharwad	5	0	0
48	STC, Madikeri	2	0	0
49	STC, Vishakhapatnam	2	0	0
50	STC Kurnool	4	0	0
51	STC Eluru	2	0	0
52	STC Hyderabad	6	0	0
53	STC, Medak	2	0	0
54	STC Chennai	0	0	6
55	STC Salem	0	0	3
56	STC Puducherry	0	2	2
57	STC Yanam	0	0	3
58	STC Mayiladuturai	2	0	2
59	STC Thrissur	1	1	3
60	STC Kollam	4	0	1
61	STC Calicut	0	2	2
62	STC Thalassery	1	6	0
63	STC Androth	0	0	3
64	STC Mastuana Sahib	0	7	0
65	STC Badal	1	1	3
66	STC Ludhiana	0	1	3
67	STC Kargil	2	2	13
68	STC Jammu	5	0	2
69	STC Bilaspur	0	1	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>214</b>

SI No	Summary	Disabled Friendly Status of Existing Buildings (in numbers)		
		Yes	Partially	No
1	NCOEs	142	84	64
2	STCs	80	71	214
3	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>278</b>

**Out of 655 major infrastructure facilities at SAI Centres, 222 (34%) are accessible to differently-abled people and 155 (24%) are partially accessible.**

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