

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2023  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01-08-2023**

**Asian Games 2023**

**2023. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:  
SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for development of current sports facilities for athletes keeping in view the upcoming Asian Games 2023, if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) the details of the actions and work undertaken to best prepare the athletes to participate in the Asian Games 2023;**

**(c) whether the athletics and sports team have been finalized for the Asian Games 2023;**

**(d) if so, the details thereof including Par athletes; and**

**(e) the details of the funds expended for training and assistance provided to the athletes to prepare for the Olympic and Asian Games during the last three years?**

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

**(a) & (b): Sir, preparation for International events including Asian Games is an ongoing and continuous process. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, National Sports Federations (NSFs) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) are working in close coordination for training and preparation of Indian teams and sportspersons for the**

**forthcoming international sports events including Asian Games. Training plans, competitive exposures and scientific back up and support have been devised in consultation with NSFs and sports experts. The Government is providing all requisite support and facilities to the athletes to enable them to put up their best in the forthcoming international sports events including Asian Games. Customized training as per the requirements of individual athletes is being provided under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).**

**(c): At present, participation of following 15 teams in forthcoming Asian Games has been approved:**

**(i) Cricket (Men); (ii) Cricket (Women); (iii) Handball (Women); (iv) Hockey (Men); (v) Hockey (women); (vi) Kabaddi (Men); (vii) Kabaddi (Women); (viii) Rugby (Women); (ix) Basketball (Women) 5x5; (x) Basketball (Men) 3x3; (xi) Basketball (Women) 3x3; (xii) Volleyball (Men); (xiii) Volleyball (Women); (xiv) Football (men); and (xv) Football (Women).**

**(d): Para Athletes do not participate in Asian Games. Para Athletes will participate in Para Asian Games 2022 at Hangzhou (China) scheduled from 22-28 October 2023.**

**(e) The details of the funds expended for training and assistance provided to the athletes to prepare for the Olympic and Asian Games during the last three years under TOPS are as under:**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount (In Rupees Crore)</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>15.66</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>22.37</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>21.78</b>

**Further, funds expended to NSFs under Scheme of Assistance to NSFs during the last three years are as under:**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount (In Rupees Crore)</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>114.11</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>177.61</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>264.18</b>

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