

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1399  
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2023**

**Development of Sports**

**1399. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:**

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

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

**(b) if so, the total funds allocated to Tamil Nadu during the last nine years and the current year;**

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

**(d) whether the Union Government provided financial assistance to top performing sportspersons to train in foreign countries and coached by foreign coaches of International repute and if so, the details thereof and the details of sportspersons provided with financial assistance to train in abroad?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of Sports infrastructure, training and coaching facilities rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. Central Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps.**

**Funds are allocated scheme-wise and not State-wise in this Ministry. Details of funds allocated under the sports development schemes/programmes of this Department during the last nine years and current year 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) Yes, Sir. Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, 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>.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1399 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2023 REGARDING “DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS” ASKED BY DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN, HON’BLE MP**

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

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Budget Allocation (in ₹ crore)</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>705.00</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>942.46</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>984.15</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>1393.21</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>1381.52</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2000.00</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>1313.40</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>1993.00</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>1907.69</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2462.59</b>

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