

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †783
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2019**

National Talent Development Programme

†783. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of the National Talent Development Programme;**
- (b) the details of sports identified by the Ministry for providing assistance to talented sportspersons particularly in Maharashtra; and**
- (c) whether the National Talent Development Programme is limited only to rural areas or has it also been extended to urban areas particularly in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ SHRI KIREN RIJIJU }**

(a)to (c) The Department of Sports is assisting 2,741 young athletes in 24 sports disciplines (including Para sports) under the Talent Search and Development vertical of Khelo India Scheme. These include 149 male and 199 female athletes from the State of Maharashtra. The programme covers rural and urban areas both.
