

**Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4300  
TO BE ANSWERD ON 19.03.2020**

**National Sponsorship Programme for Differently abled  
Sportspersons**

**4300. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:**

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

**(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal for a National Sponsorship Programme for differently abled sportspersons in view of their exceptional performance and facing of acute shortage of resources; and**

**(b) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[SHRI KIREN RIJIJU]**

**(a) & (b) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is already implementing various Schemes which cater to the differently abled sportspersons. This Ministry treats differently-abled sportspersons at par with the abled sportspersons and provides all requisite facilities besides their special needs.**

**Para sports have been placed in the "Priority" category for financial assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs for preparation and participation of the para-athletes in the various international competitions.**

**Under the Scheme of Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches, amount of award money for medalists of Paralympic Games, Para Asian Games and Commonwealth Games for Para-Athletes have been fixed at par with medalist of Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth games.**

**In addition to the above, the Khelo India Scheme being implemented by this Ministry, has 'Promotion of Sports among persons with disabilities' as one of the verticals, for providing more avenues for promotion of sports among persons with disabilities.**

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