

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021

National Sports Policy

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

(a) whether sports is not being given top priority in our country in comparison to other countries and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the performance of the country is not satisfactory in various sports competitions and if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the National Sports Policy has achieved the targets set for promotion of sports in the country, if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is acute shortage of modern standard sports facilities, infrastructure, equipments and scientific assistance for promoting sports in the country and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the amount of funds allocated and utilized during the current year for the said purpose under the centrally sponsored schemes/programmes implemented by the Government, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 142 FOR 29.07.2021 REGARDING NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY BY SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY AND DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV

(a) & (b): Sports and games have always been seen as an integral component in the all-round development of the human personality. Apart from being a means of entertainment and physical fitness, sports have also played a great role in generation of the spirit of healthy competition and bonding within the community. Needless to mention that achievements in sports at the International level have always been a source of National pride and prestige. Hence, promotion and development of Sports in the country is undoubtedly one of the priorities for the Government of India.

Performance of sportspersons in International events depends on many factors like availability of quality sports infrastructure including state of art equipment, world class trainers, exposure of competitions, financial supports for medical and other emergencies.

Achievements of Indian sportspersons and teams in international sports events, including mega sports events, in recent past shows that there has been a perceptible improvement in performance of Indian sportspersons at International sports events. Major Achievements during last 5 Years is at Annexure-I.

(c): National Sports Policy, 1984 was the first move towards developing an organized and systematic framework for the development and promotion of sports in the country, and the precursor of the present National Sports Policy, 2001. The National Sports Policy-2001 has, *inter-alia*, the twin planks of objectives namely “Broad-basing of Sports” and

“Achieving Excellence in Sports” at the National and International levels. Accordingly, all schemes of the Department have been tailored and reviewed from time to time to achieve these objectives.

Apart, ‘Sports’ is a State subject and the primarily responsibility of promotion/development of Sports rests with the respective State Governments, the Central Government is playing a pivotal role for promoting high performance in sports. Broad-basing of sports and achieving excellence is continuous and progressive process, which may not set up any medal winning targets. However, National Sports Federations (NSFs) are being encouraged and supported for attainment of their respective medium and long term plans. Annual targets for training of athletes for high performance and their participation in competition are approved for different NSFs by this Ministry in the annual exercise of preparing Annual Calendar for Training and Competitions (ACTCs).

With the launch of Khelo India Scheme, there has been increased awareness and participation of people in sports and Indian athletes have earned accolades in sports such as archery, athletics, badminton, boxing, hockey, shooting, wrestling, weightlifting, etc. in international events. This Ministry (i) has set up expert training facilities in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres across the country in various States; (ii) is supporting athletes for participation in international exposure and competitions through financial assistance to NSFs; and (iii) providing customized support and assistance to high performance medal prospect athletes under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme.

(d): Sports infrastructure and other sports facilities at five stadia of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in New Delhi and Regional Centers of SAI across the country are of International standards, upgradation of sports facilities at SAI stadia and Regional Centers in terms of infrastructure

and equipment has been carried out from time to time as per requirement, which is as an ongoing process. The Government is also providing financial assistance from National Sports Development Fund for sports infrastructure, customized training under reputed coaches at Institutes having world-class facilities, participation in international competitions, purchase of equipment and Services of support persons like Physical Trainer, Mental Trainer and Physiotherapist etc. to potential athletes which is also facilitating in preparation for Tokyo Olympics, 2020. The allocation of funds for development of these sports facilities are carried out based on technical feasibility.

Through the schemes of the Department of Sports such as Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) the identified promising sportspersons and teams are being provided support of modern sports sciences, exposure abroad under experts of respective sports discipline, participation in International events/ competitions.

(e): All the schemes of Department of Sports are central sector scheme and data related to schemes of the Department is not maintained State-wise. However, the scheme-wise details of funds allocated and utilized, during the current year in the Department of Sports is given at Annexure-II.

Major achievements in the last five years till 31st December, 2020 for the scheme of Assistance to NSFs

2017:

- P V Sindhu won the silver medal at World Championships. She then went on to win two Super series titles (India Open, Korea Open) and a silver at the Super series finals
- Kidambi Srikanth winning an astounding four of seven Super series titles- Indonesia, Australia, Denmark and French Opens.
- Indian men's hockey won, Asia Cup gold and bronze in the Hockey World League Final.
- Similarly, the women's team also won the Asia Cup after a gap of 13 long years which helped India seal their spot in the 2018 Hockey World Cup.
- Mary Kom, made a resounding international comeback with a gold medal at the Asian Boxing Championships.

2018:

2018 saw some of India's best performances at major international stages. The Asian Games, Asian Para Games and Youth Olympic Games, all saw India produce its highest ever medal tally of these events respectively.

Events	Total Indian Athletes	Athletes Supported Through TOPS	Medals Won
Commonwealth Games 2018	221	86	66
Asian Games 2018	570	196	70
Youth Olympic Games 2018	47	5	13

Commonwealth Games: Highlights: India recorded its best performance on the foreign soil with 26 Gold, 20 Silver and 20 Bronze medals

- Manika Batra as she picked up medals in all events she competed in -- Singles Gold, Women's Doubles Gold, Women's Team Gold and rounding off the Games with Mixed Doubles Bronze. Batra made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win an individual table tennis Gold at the Games.

- India's maximum medals came from shooting (16), followed by wrestling (12) and weightlifting (9).
- The 10-member Indian table tennis team secured 8 (3 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze) medals, which turned out to be their best-ever medal haul in the history of the Games. In the women's table tennis event, the Indian team won its first ever Commonwealth Gold.
- Teenager Deepak Lather from Haryana became the youngest Indian weightlifter to claim a Commonwealth Games medal, clinching a Bronze in the men's 69kg category.
- Indian shooter Anish Bhanwala, aged 15, created history by becoming the country's youngest ever Gold medal winner in the Commonwealth Games, in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol.
- Neeraj Chopra from Haryana became the first Indian javelin thrower to claim a Gold medal at the Games. His medal is only the fifth track-and-field Gold for India at the Commonwealth Games
- Saina Nehwal became the first Indian to win two singles Golds at the Games after defeating PV Sindhu. Saina had also won the title in 2010 in New Delhi.
- The Indian badminton contingent's total of seven medals (2 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze) turned out to be the best performance by any Indian badminton team at the Games.
- Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who claimed India's first Gold, in the Women's 48 kg, broke three Games records in the 'snatch' section, the 'clean and jerk' and the overall Games record.

INDIA	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Ranked 3 rd	26	20	20	66

Asian Games: Highlights: India recorded its best performance at Asian Games with 16 Gold, 23 Silver and 31 Bronze medals

- PV Sindhu became the first badminton player to win silver in Asian Games.
- Rahi Sarnobat became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal in shooting at the Asian Games.
- Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian woman wrestler to win a gold medal at the Asian Games.
- Swapna Barman gave India its first-ever Asiad gold in women's heptathlon event.
- Neeraj Chopra became the first Indian javelin thrower to win an Asiad gold.

- Fouaad Mirza became the first Indian to win an Asian Games individual equestrian medal since 1982.
- India also won its first medal in sepaktakraw at the 18th Asian Games.

INDIA	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Ranked 8 th	16	23	31	70

Youth Olympics: Highlights: India recorded its best performance at the Youth Olympics with 3 Gold, 9 Silver and 1 Bronze medal

- Jeremy Lalrinnunga won India's first ever Youth Olympics gold medal.
- Tababi Devi won the first ever Youth Olympics medal for India in Judo and later also won a silver in the mixed team event under mixed-NOCs.
- Manu Bhaker became the first Indian girl to win a Youth Olympics gold medal.
- Both Boys' and Girls' Hockey 5s teams won silver medals in their debut.

INDIA	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Ranked 17 th	3	9	1	13

Other Achievements

- 17-year-old Esow Alben scripted history by winning India's first junior cycling World Cup medal in the men's kerin event of the 2018 UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships

Para Asian Games: Highlights: India recorded its best performance at the Para-Asian Games

- Javelin thrower Sandeep Chaudhary was the gold with world record throw.

INDIA	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Ranked 9 th	15	24	33	72

2019:

- Saurabh Choudhary became the youngest gold-medalist of ISSF World Cup, New Delhi and secured Olympic quota. In the process he broke the world record.
- India won 25 medals at the Asian Air Gun Championship which includes 16 golds, 5 silver and 4 bronze.

- Bajrang Punia won gold medal at the Asian Championship 2019. He also became world number 1 in 65kg.
- Shiva Thapa (60kg) secured himself an unprecedented fourth medal at the Asian Championship. Thapa won the gold in 2013, bronze in 2015 and a silver in 2017. He is the first Indian to achieve this feat.
- Mary Kom became world number 1 in 49kg.
- During 39th Senior and 26th Junior Asian Track Cycling Championship Indian Cycling team topped the medal Tally with 04 Gold, 04 Silver and 02 Bronze Medals. Team India in Team Sprint Men Junior rewrote this Asian record.
- Atanu Das, Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav won Silver medal in Men's Team Recurve at the World Championship held in Netherlands also securing an Olympic quota.
- Deepika Kumari won Gold medal in Women's Individual Recurve at the Asian Continental Qualification Tournament held in Bangkok also securing an Olympic quota.
- Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari won Bronze medal in the Mixed Team event at the Asian Championship held in Bangkok.
- Komalika Bari became the Youth World Champion in the Women's Individual Recurve Event held in Madrid, Spain.
- Amit Phangal clinched 1st ever Silver Medal as an Indian at AIBA Men World Boxing Championship, 2019 in 52Kg weight category.
- In total of 15 quotas achieved, 13 quotas were earned during competitions in the year 2019.
- Esha Singh became the youngest Indian shooter to win a World Cup medal.
- Ms. Apurvi Chandela, 10m Air Rifle shooter became World no. 1 in May 2019.
- Ms. Elavenil Valarivan, 10m Air Rifle shooter became World No.1 in December 2019.

2020

Due to the spread of Covid-19, all National and International sports events have been postponed/cancelled. Olympics and Paralympics, 2020 for the first time in the history of the modern games, have been postponed, and will be held in 2021. Some notable achievements are as follows: -

- The Indian boxers punched as many as nine tickets to the Tokyo Olympics at Asia Oceania boxing Olympic qualifiers held in Amman, Jordan held on March 2020 which is the highest ever quota achieved by Indian boxing in a single edition Olympic Event.
- Indian Junior TT athlete, Mr. Manav Thakkar became the first Indian table tennis player to be ranked world No. 1 in the Under-21 category.
- Wrestlers won 20 medals in Asian Wrestling Championship, 2020.
- A total of 127 athletes have qualified to represent India at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games against the previous best of 117 at Tokyo Olympics (2016). This is the highest number of Indian athletes to have qualified for an Olympic Games.
- India's qualification numbers in **Shooting (15 Athletes)**, **Boxing (9 Athletes)** and **Sailing (4 Athletes)** is the highest number being sent to an Olympics by India in these sports.
- India has qualified athletes in **18 sport disciplines** for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. This is the highest number of sport disciplines India has qualified in for an Olympic Games.

2021

Cadet World Championship:

India won 7 Gold medals, which is the best ever performance.

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup:

The ISSF World Cup-2021 was held in New Delhi from March 18 to 29, 2021, with participants from 53 countries and featured rifle, pistol, and shotgun shooters in as many as 30 events. India bagged first position with a total of 32 Medals in the event.

Annexure-II**The scheme-wise details of funds allocated and utilized, during the current year in the Department of Sports****(As on 7th July, 2021)**

Scheme	BE 2021-22	Total Exp. upto 7th July 2021*	Total Exp. % of BE
(A) Institutions			
1. Sports Authority of India (SAI)			
(Grant-in-Aid) GIA General	293.26	59.49	20%
GIA Capital (CA)	20.00	9.00	45%
GIA Salary	347.15	108.34	31%
<i>Total - SAI</i>	<i>660.41</i>	<i>176.83</i>	<i>27%</i>
2. Laxmi Bai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE)			
(Grant-in-Aid) GIA General	24.00	6.07	25%
GIA Capital (CA)	8.00	1.98	25%
GIA Salary	23.00	5.69	25%
<i>Total - LNIFE</i>	<i>55.00</i>	<i>13.74</i>	<i>24.98%</i>
3. National Dope Test Laboratory (NDTL)			
(Grant-in-Aid) GIA General	6.50	1.55	24%
GIA Capital (CA)	2.00	1.00	50%
GIA Salary	3.50	0.90	26%
<i>Total - NDTL</i>	<i>12.00</i>	<i>3.45</i>	<i>29%</i>
4. National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)			
(Grant-in-Aid) GIA General	5.30	2.01	38%
GIA Capital (CA)	3.00	1.50	50%
GIA Salary	1.70	0.45	26%
<i>Total - NADA</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>3.96</i>	<i>40%</i>
5. National Center for Sports Science and Research (NCSSR)			
(Grant-in-Aid) GIA General	4.00	0.29	7%
GIA Capital (CA)	5.99	0.00	0%

Capital Work	0.01	0.00	0%
<i>Total - NCSSR</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>3%</i>
6. National Center for Sports Coaching			
(Grant-in-Aid) GIA General	2.00	0.00	0%
<i>Total - NCSC</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0%</i>
7. Sports University in North East			
(Grant-in-Aid) GIA General	3.00	0.00	0%
GIA Salary	5.00	0.80	16%
Capital Work	43.72	0.00	0%
<i>Total - SU</i>	<i>51.72</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>2%</i>
8. World Anti-Doping Agency			
	2.50	0.21	8%
(A) Total	803.63	199.28	25%
(B) Encouragement and Awards to Sportsperson			
1. Special Cash Award including Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award	38.00	0.00	0%
2. Pension to Meritorious sports Persons	15.00	0.00	0%
3. Assistance to National Sports Federation (NSF)	280.00	34.93	12.48%
4. Human Resource Development (HRD)	3.80	0.01	0.26%
5. National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)	25.00	0.00	0%
6. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund (NSWF)	2.00	0.00	0%
(B) Total	363.80	34.94	10%
(C) Khelo India: National Programme for Development of Sports			
1. Khelo India	657.71	151.80	23.08%
2. Common Wealth Game (CWG) 2010- SAI Stadia Renovation	30.00	0.00	0%
3. Enhancement of Sports Facility at J&K	50.00	0.00	0%
4. Seminar, Committee etc.	1.00	0.06	6%
(C) Total	738.71	151.86	21%
Grand Total (A+B+C)	1906.14	386.08	20.25%
* as per e-lekha			