

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

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Paris Olympics 2024

1434. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

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

(a) whether India has not performed well in the Tokyo Olympics and other sports competitions organized at the national/international levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is not encouraging sports persons properly, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the funds allocated/released/spent for training/infrastructure/salaries and other maintenance works of stadiums and engaging coaches in the sport field;

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to utilise the services of sport coaches to train the sport students in all the fields of sports in future by setting new guidelines/timeframe; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to put all efforts for a good 2024 Paris Olympics and for other games which are coming up in the future?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a) & (b) Performances of Indian sports persons and teams in mega sports events and other international events show that there is perceptible improvement. To illustrate, India won 7 medals (1 Gold,

2 Silver and 4 Bronze) in Tokyo Olympics 2020, in 6 separate sports disciplines. It was India's best performance in Olympic Games. For the first time, India won a gold medal in athletics in Olympic Games. The Women's Hockey team achieved 4th position, which was the best finish ever in Olympics. In Tokyo Paralympics 2020, India won 19 medals (5 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 Bronze), surpassing the tally of 12 medals won by the country in all previous Paralympics put together. India achieved the 24th position in Tokyo Paralympics 2020, which is India's best position in Para-Olympics.

India got 66 medals in Commonwealth Games (CWG), 2018, which was the best performance at overseas CWG, 69 medals in Asian Games 2018, which was India's highest-ever tally at Asian Games; 72 medals in Para Asian Games 2018, which was India's highest ever tally at Asian Para Games, and 13 medals in the Youth Olympic Games 2018, which was India's highest-ever tally at Youth Olympic Games.

(c) No, Sir. To encourage participation of Indian sportspersons in the sporting events, and for scaling up the level of excellence of our athletes, Government is already providing specialized coaching, state of the art infrastructure and training facilities, sports science backup, nutritious diet, qualified support staff as also incentivising their achievements, and honouring them with the National Sports Awards in recognition of their sporting achievements.

(d) 'Sports' being a State subject, the primary responsibility for promotion and development of sports rests with the State/Union Territory Governments. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports supplements the efforts of the State/Union Territory Governments through various Schemes.

During the current financial year, i.e. 2021-22, a budgetary allocation of Rs. 660.41 crore has been made to Sports Authority of India (SAI), which functions under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The allocation is inclusive for salaries, infrastructure / capital works, training and operation & maintenance.

Under the Khelo India Scheme, the budgetary allocation of Rs.277.50 crore has been made for creation / upgradation of sports infrastructure.

For preparation, training, competitive exposure, sports equipment support, etc. a budgetary allocation of Rs. 280 crore has been made for the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations during the current financial year, i.e. 2021-22.

(e) The services of coaches of SAI are being utilised for coaching of trainees enrolled under various schemes of SAI as well as for national coaching camps organized for sportspersons taking part in the various international sports events.

(f) Preparation of Indian sportspersons and teams for participation in international sports events, including the Paris Olympics 2024 is an ongoing process. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is supporting sportspersons through various schemes, such as Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations and Target Olympic Podium Scheme.

Under these schemes, the strategy adopted for Paris 2024 aims to deliver holistic preparation across key milestones with the end-goal of Paris 2024 in mind. This includes:

- Selection of probable athletes**
- Identification of qualifying events**
- Coach-athlete target setting for each milestone event**
- Sports science evaluation, interventions and result tracking**
- Athlete Wellness & Injury Management**
- Structured training programmes**
- Training and competition planning with clear understanding of peak events in each year**
- Interventions for mental toughness & self-awareness**
- Performance evaluation of athletes to be monitored every 3 months along with NSF**
