

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.331  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2021**

**Funds allocated for TOP Scheme**

**331. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:**

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

**(a) whether the sports persons from North East excelling at international levels over the post few years, if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether funds allocated for the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme is sufficient and if so, the details thereof along with the progress of the scheme;**

**(c) if not, the manner in which the Government will generate fund for the above mentioned scheme and overall sports development;**

**(d) whether Karate has been included in Olympics Game and if so, the other steps taken by the Government to develop Karate; and**

**(e) whether the Government would consider establishing a State-of-the-art sports training facility in Barpeta Lok Sabha Constituency of Assam and if so, the details thereof?**

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

**(a): Yes, Sir. Sports persons from North East are excelling at international levels over the past few years. The North-Eastern States in India are home to some of India's most recognised international**

players such as, Ms. M.C. Mary Kom - 2012 Olympics bronze medallist and a five-time world amateur-boxing champion, footballer Baichung Bhutia, boxer L. Sarita Devi, silver medallist at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Jayanta Talukdar, Gold Medallist and Arjuna Award winner, weightlifter K. Sanjita Chanu, who won gold at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, etc.

In Tokyo Olympics 2020, out of 7 medal winners, 2 medal winners are from North-East States i.e., Ms. Mirabai Chanu (Weightlifting) - Silver Medal and Ms. Lovlina Borgohain (Boxing) - Bronze Medal.

Further, 18 medals were won by athletes from North-Eastern States in Asian Games 2018 and Commonwealth Games 2018.

(b) & (c): Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) was formulated in July 2014 under the overall ambit of National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) with the aim to identify, groom and prepare potential medal prospects for Olympic and Paralympic Games. No separate funds are allocated for the Scheme. Funds are being released from NSDF to Sports Authority of India (SAI) for this Scheme. The details of block grant released from NSDF to SAI for Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) are given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount Received (in Crore Rupees)</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>08.50</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>05.00</b>

<b>2021-22</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65.50</b>

**In addition, Rs.25.06 crore has been released by NSDF to SAI from 2017-18 to till date for Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) under TOPS.**

**(d): Karate is not included in Paris 2024 Olympic Games.**

**(e): At present, there is no such proposal.**

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