

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199
TO BE ANSWERD ON 15.03.2022**

Funds for Para Olympics Committee

2199. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

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

(a) the details of the current status of funds allocated to Para Olympics Committee of India for upliftment of players and the facilities being introduced to equip them at par with the international players;

(b) the details of facilities provided specially for para players in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(c) the details of the current representation of para players in Sports Authorities;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide training under Target Olympic Podium Scheme to the athletes for upcoming events; and

(e) if so, the details of the athletes trained under such Scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) is provided funds/grants by Government of India under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations towards conducting National Coaching Camps, Foreign Exposures, National Championships, Purchase of Equipment, Salary of Coaches and Sports Staff etc. The Para-athletes are provided all requisite

facilities at par with other sportspersons, besides their special needs. For the financial year 2020-21 and the current financial year, i.e. 2021-22, an amount of Rs.10.30 crore was allocated to PCI out of which till date Rs.6.80 crore have been utilised. In addition to the above, an amount of Rs.10.50 crore was spent during the last Paralympic cycle under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) for the para athletes who were medal probable, towards training, out of pocket allowance, competitive exposures abroad, purchase of equipment, Sports Science services etc.

(b) Para sports have been placed in the 'Priority' category for financial assistance by the Government and all the requisite assistance is provided for training and competitive exposure of the para athletes, as per the norms laid down for this purpose.

Indian para-athletes, including those from Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, are being supported under various Schemes of this Ministry and Sports Authority of India (SAI). The identified promising sportspersons/teams including para athletes are provided all requisite facilities for their preparations including wholesome nutritious diet, equipment, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc., besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad. Currently, 4 para-athletes from Rajasthan and 1 para-athlete from Uttar Pradesh are being provided equipment support, foreign exposure, sports kit, expert coaching and Out of Pocket Allowance, etc. under the TOPS.

(c) Representation of para players in sports authorities is regulated in terms of the Memorandum of Association (MOA) and constitutions of the concerned sports bodies. For representation of sportspersons in management committees of NSFs including PCI, National Sports Development Code 2011 provides for at least 25% representation of sportspersons.

(d) & (e) Presently, 29 para-athletes are being supported for training and foreign exposure under the TOPS. The details of the athletes are placed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199 ANSWERED ON 15.03.2022 ASKED BY SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL, SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL AND SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY REGARDING “FUNDS FOR PARA OLYMPICS COMMITTEE”

PARA-ATHLETES UNDER TOPS (AT PRESENT)

S. No	Name	Discipline	Event
1	Harvinder Singh	Para Archery	Men's Recurve
2	Sandeep Chaudhary	Para Athletics	Men's Javelin Throw F44/64
3	Sharad Kumar	Para Athletics	Men's High Jump T42/63
4	SumitAntil	Para Athletics	Men's Javelin Throw F64
5	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Para Athletics	Men's Javelin Throw F46
6	Amit Saroha	Para Athletics	Men's Club Throw F51
7	Nishad Kumar	Para Athletics	Men's High Jump T47
8	Yogesh Kathuniya	Para Athletics	Men's Discus Throw F56
9	Mariyappan T	Para Athletics	Men's High Jump T63
10	Praveen Kumar	Para Athletics	Men's High Jump T64
11	Navdeep	Para Athletics	Men's Javelin F41
12	Devendra J.	Para Athletics	Men's Javelin F46
13	Ekta Bhyan	Para Athletics	Women's Club Throw F51
14	Neeraj Yadav	Para Athletics	Men's Javelin Throw F55
15	Nimisha C Suresh	Para Athletics	Women's Long Jump F47
16	Radha Venkatesh	Para Athletics	Women's 1500m T12
17	SuhasYathiraj	Para Badminton	MS SL4
18	Krishna Nagar	Para Badminton	MS SH6
19	PramodBhagat	Para Badminton	MS SL3
20	Manoj Sarkar	Para Badminton	MS SL3
21	Tarun Dhillon	Para Badminton	MS SL4
22	Parul Parmar	Para Badminton	WS SL 3
23	Avani Lekhara	Para Shooting	10m Air Rifle SH1
24	Manish Narwal	Para Shooting	Mixed 50m Pistol SH1
25	Singhraj Adana	Para Shooting	Mixed 50m Pistol SH1

26	Bhavina Patel	Para Table Tennis	Women's Wheelchair - Class 4
27	Suyash Jadhav	Para Swimming	S7, SM7, SB7
28	Prachi Yadav	Para - Canoe	Women's Single VL2
29	Parmjeet Kumar	Para Powerlifting	Men's under 49 kg