

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.237  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02-08-2022**

**Overseas Training for Athletes**

**\*237. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has sanctioned huge amount of money to athletes for overseas training;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of athletes who went abroad for training along with the amount spent thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;**

**(c) whether the Government has proposed to extend overseas training for the coming years; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

**(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 237 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02-08-2022 ASKED BY SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU REGARDING OVERSEAS TRAINING FOR ATHLETES**

**(a) to (d): Yes, under the 'Target Olympic Podium Scheme' (TOPS), Government has sanctioned money to athletes for overseas training. The details of athletes who went abroad for training along with the amount spent thereon during each of last three years and current year is given in Annexure-I.**

**Under Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the recognized NSFs are provided with financial assistance for National Coaching Camps, foreign training, equipments, coaches and support staff etc. towards preparation of Indian Sportspersons for the major International Competitions such as Olympic, Paralympic, Asian, Para Asian, Commonwealth Games.**

**The details of players provided financial assistance towards their International training under Scheme of Assistance to NSFs from the year 2019-20 onwards is given in Annexure - II.**

**Overseas training to players under TOPS and other schemes is now a regular and ongoing feature to prepare them for international events. In fact, there is policy to send the NCOEs athletes of SAI for foreign training/exposure, where adequate exposure in foreign competitions is not available. A total of 10 athletes have benefited from this ongoing scheme.**

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**Annexure - I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA  
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REGRDING OVERSEAS TRAINING FOR ATHLETES BY SHRI  
THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

**2019-20**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Details of the training</b>	<b>Expenditure (under ACTC/TOPS)</b>	<b>No. of Athletes</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Free style training camp at Nursultan from 1.09.2019 to 18.09.2019</b>	<b>35,00,000</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>Greco Roman training camp at Nursultan from 25.08.2019 to 13.09.2019</b>	<b>26,00,000</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>Women training camp at Belarus from 25.08.2019 to 13.09.2019</b>	<b>35,00,000</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>Training camp for women team at Madrid from 01.07.2019 to 10.07.2019</b>	<b>25,00,000</b>	<b>7</b>
		<b>Free style training camp at Russia from 06.04.2019 to 20.04.2019</b>	<b>69,00,000</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>Greco Roman training camp at Almaty from 06.04.2019 to 24.04.2019</b>	<b>49,00,000</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>Greco Roman training camp at Azerbaijan from 04.03.2019 to 18.03.2019</b>	<b>29,00,000</b>	<b>6</b>
		<b>Greco Roman training camp at Belarus from 10.07.2019 to 24.07.2019</b>	<b>24,00,000</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Athletics</b>	<b>Abroad training of Indian Athletics team at Poland from 13.05.2019 to 05.08.2019</b>	<b>1,25,95,533</b>	<b>30</b>
		<b>Training-cum-competition of Relay team from 26.04.2019 to 13.05.2019 at Japan</b>	<b>30,79,175</b>	<b>14</b>
		<b>Abroad training of Javelin Throw team from 15.11.2019 to 10.03.2020 at South Africa</b>	<b>21,28,360</b>	<b>7</b>
		<b>Abroad training of Javelin Throw team from 18.02.2020 to 28.03.2020</b>	<b>17,17,200</b>	<b>2</b>

		at Turkey		
		Abroad training of Indian Athletics team from 06.08.2019 to 23.09.2019 at Czech	49,35,938	16
3	Shooting	Training Camp of Senior Shotgun Team at Italy from 02.08.2019 to 15.08.2019	7,46,290	12
		Training camp of Senior Rifle/Pistol Team at Rio De Janerio, Brazil from 10.08.2019 to 03.09.2012	1,47,04,672	26
		Ammunition Testing Camp 2019 at Stuttgart, Germany from 17.09.2019 to 21.09.2019	13,69,085	7

**2020-21**

S. No.	Discipline	Details of the training	Expenditure (under ACTC/TOPS)	No. of Athletes
1	Boxing	Elite Men & Women Team for Training in Italy & Competition in France from 15.10.2020 to 05.12.2020	1,85,67,923	16
		Extension of Elite Men & Women Team for Training & Competition in Italy & Germany from 05.12.2020 to 20.12.2020		
2	Swimming	Training camp for Swimmers during the lockdown period	36,58,880	3
3	Fencing	Grant in Aid to Ms. C.A. Bhavani Devi	20,00,000	1
4	Weightlifting	Training and Rehab in USA under Aaron Horschig for Mirabai Chanu (November-December, 2020)	15,00,000	1

**2021-22**

S. No.	Discipline	Details of the training	Expenditure (under ACTC/TOPS)	No. of Athletes
1	Archery	Participation of Indian Archery Team in the Training Camp held at	1,00,51,852	23

		Switzerland from 20.02.2022 to 03.03.2022.		
2	Shooting	Training Camp (Shotgun) at Capua, Italy for Olympic bound shooters	1,10,07,512	2
		Training Camp at Croatia for the Rifle/Pistol shooters selected for Olympic 2021	3,35,43,313	13
3	Boxing	Elite Men Boxing Team in St. Petersburg Governor Cup from 18.04.2021 to 26.04.2021 & training camp prior to tournament from 11.04.2021 to 18.04.2021 at St. Petersburg, Russia	38,15,184	8
		International Training Camp at Italy from 18.06.2021 to 18.06.2021	1,29,32,464	17
		Youth Men & Women Boxing Team in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championship at Kielce, Poland from 10.04.2021 to 24.04.2021 & Acclimatization Camp from 01.04.2021 to 09.04.2021	1,00,76,840	20
4	Wrestling	Training camp prior to Olympic Games at Poland, Russia and Estonia from 23.05.2021 to 05.07.2021	83,96,894	14
		Training camp at Bulgaria from 25.04.2021 to 09.05.2021	93,20,096	18
		Training camp at Bulgaria from 05.02.2021 to 23.02.2021	41,01,721	8
5	Fencing	Grant-in-Aid to Ms. C. A. Bhavani Devi for Foreign Training at France	4,11,000	1
		Grant-in-Aid to Mr. Karan Singh for Training at France	6,62,243	1
6	Cycling	Extension Training Camp for the Preparation of TOPS Cyclists at Slovenia and Portugal	41,31,362	5
		Training Camp for the Preparation of TOPS Cyclists at Slovenia	41,34,271	5
		MTB Training Camp at Turkey	46,64,902	7
7	Swimming	Financial Assistance to Mr Kushagra Rawat to train in California, USA (21.03.2021 to 29.06.2021)	14,03,728	1
8	Weightlifting	Foreign Training at USA w.e.f	15,00,000	1

		<b>17.03.2022 to 17.04.2022</b>		
		<b>Training and Rehab in USA under Aaron Horschig for Mirabai Chanu (01.05.2021 to 15.07.2021)</b>	<b>17,00,000</b>	<b>1</b>

**2022-23**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Details of the training</b>	<b>Expenditure (under ACTC/TOPS)</b>	<b>No. of Athletes</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Shooting</b>	<b>Preparatory Camp for Shotgun Shooters prior to ISSF World Championship, Croatia</b>	<b>60,00,000</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Archery</b>	<b>Recurve (Sr.) Foreign Training Camp at Nanteuil-Le-Haudouin from 16.08.2022 to 26.08.2022</b>	<b>35,00,000</b>	<b>8</b>
		<b>Compound (Sr.) Training Camp at Easton Centre/Italy/Paris from 16.08.2022 to 26.08.2022</b>	<b>40,00,000</b>	<b>8</b>
		<b>Recurve (Junior) Training at Hyun Tak Kim School, South Korea from 15.11.2022 to 25.11.2022</b>	<b>60,00,000</b>	<b>16</b>
		<b>Compound(Junior) Training coaching camp at USA/Italy/Germany from 15.11.2022 to 25.11.2022</b>	<b>55,00,000</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Athletics</b>	<b>Abroad training for 400m &amp; relay team at Antalya, Turkey from 15.04.2022 to 07.06.2022</b>	<b>11,84,6490</b>	<b>23</b>
		<b>Abroad training for MLD team at Colorado, Spring from 15.04.2022 to 24.07.2022</b>	<b>13,97,1842</b>	<b>12</b>
		<b>Abroad training for Race walk athletes at Kyrgyzstan from 12.06.2022 to 11.07.2022</b>	<b>2,81,3577</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>Abroad training at Chula, Vista for the preparation WA Champ. from 18.06.2022 to 13.07.2022</b>	<b>15,78,6785</b>	<b>25</b>
		<b>Abroad training for jumps group from 01.01.2023 to 15.03.2023 in South Africa/Chula vista</b>	<b>1,74,28,875</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>Abroad training for Shotput group from 15.01.2023 to 15.03.2023 in South Africa/Chula vista</b>	<b>1,24,69,000</b>	<b>3</b>

		<b>Abroad training for Discus throw group from 01.01.2023 to 15.03.2023 in South Africa/Chula vista</b>	<b>8,89,1000</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Abroad training for Javelin throw group from 01.01.2023 to 15.03.2023 in South Africa/Chula vista</b>	<b>1,97,33,000</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Boxing</b>	<b>Elite Women Boxing Team in the Training Camp Prior to Elite Women World Boxing Championship 2022 at Istanbul Turkey from 20.04.2022 to 05.05.2022</b>	<b>52,22,594</b>	<b>12</b>
		<b>Elite Men &amp; Women Boxing Team in the International Training Camp at Ireland Prior to Commonwealth Games 2022, from 10.07.2022 to 24.07.2022</b>	<b>58,95,100</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Judo</b>	<b>Training Camp at Madrid Spain</b>	<b>72,30,960</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Training camp and participation in SA age group and senior national championships for Junior swimmers in South Africa (14.03.2022 to 13.04.2022)</b>	<b>70,42,500</b>	<b>16</b>
		<b>Swim Technique Analysis under Stefano Nurra in Turkey and for competitions (15.05.2022 to 18.05.2022)</b>	<b>22,48,855</b>	<b>3</b>
		<b>Financial Assistance to Sajan Prakash for High Altitude training in Sierra Nevada, Spain in preparation for CWG 2022 (25.06.2022 to 22.07.2022)</b>	<b>3,94,128</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Cycling</b>	<b>Foreign Training Sprint Group at Slovenia</b>	<b>65,08,049</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Weightlifting</b>	<b>Preparatory training camp for 2022 CWG w.e.f 24.06.2022 to 28.07.2022 at Birmingham, UK</b>	<b>1,83,00,000</b>	<b>15</b>

**Annexure – II**

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**Financial assistance to players for foreign training under Scheme of  
Assistance to NSFs:**

<b>2019-20</b>		
<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Expenditure (in Lakhs)</b>
<b>Football</b>	<b>U-15 Women’s team in the Acclimatization training camp at Bhutan from 30.10.2019 to 06.11.2019 consisting of 23 Women players and 05 Coaches/Support Staff</b>	<b>8.01</b>
<b>Kayaking &amp; Canoeing</b>	<b>ICF Canoe Sprint Tip Training Camp at Hungary from 12.05.2019 to 29.05.2019 consisting of 12 players and 04 Coaches/Support Staff.</b>	<b>17.45</b>
<b>Sepaktakraw</b>	<b>International training at Takraw Foundation of Thailand in preparation for the King’s Cup at Thailand from 23.07.2019 to 23.08.2019 consisting 18 Men, 18 Women, 04 coaches and 04 Referee.</b>	<b>50.49</b>
<b>2020-21</b>		
<b>No International training due to COVID-19</b>		
<b>2021-22</b>		
<b>No International training due to COVID-19</b>		
<b>2022-23</b>		
<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Expenditure (in Lakhs)</b>
<b>Squash</b>	<b>Ms. Joshna Chinappa training at Egypt in preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2022 in the month of May and June, 2022.</b>	<b>2.13</b>
<b>Sepaktakraw</b>	<b>Men &amp; Women team of 36 players at Takraw foundation of Thailand towards preparation for the World Sepaktakraw Championship, 35<sup>th</sup>King’s Cup, 2022</b>	<b>62.82</b>
<b>Rugby</b>	<b>Men and Women of 28 players at South Africa and Thailand respectively in</b>	<b>48.98</b>



preparation for the Asian Rugby Trophy, 2022.
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**Financial assistance to Para-athletes for foreign training under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):**

<b>Name of player (Shri)</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Expenditure (in Lakhs)</b>
<b>Sharad Kumar</b>	<b>Training in preparation for the Tokyo Olympic 2020 at Ukraine as detailed under:</b>	
	<b>February to July, 2019</b>	<b>12.60</b>
	<b>November to December, 2019</b>	<b>3.71</b>
	<b>January to March, 2020</b>	<b>4.32</b>
	<b>June to August, 2020</b>	<b>4.32</b>
	<b>September to December 2020</b>	<b>6.11</b>
	<b>January to April, 2021</b>	<b>6.05</b>
	<b>May to August, 2021</b>	<b>5.92</b>
<b>Nishad Kumar</b>	<b>Training at Olympic training centre, Chula Vista, USA from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.</b>	<b>18.81</b>
<b>Devendra</b>	<b>Training at Kourtane Olympic Training centre, Finland from 26<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.</b>	<b>11.56</b>

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