

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1570
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2022**

Modern Sports Equipment to Athletes

1570. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

(a) the details of funds allocated for sports infrastructure facilities relating to promotion of sports in the country particularly in rural areas during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to ensure availability of modern sports equipment to athletes and regular sports training programmes were conducted for athletes/coaches and if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether any study has been undertaken to assess deficiencies in sports infrastructure and if so, the steps taken to correct them?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR }**

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of creating sports infrastructure rests primarily with the respective State / Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts. Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise. However, the details of funds released for development of sports infrastructure facilities in the country under the Khelo India Scheme of this Ministry during the last three years and the current year are as under: -

(in ₹ crore)

S.No.	Financial Year	Expenditure incurred for development of sports infrastructure under the Khelo India Scheme
1.	2019-20	247.90
2.	2020-21	390.42
3.	2021-22	277.50
4.	2022-23	780.00 (Budget Estimate)

(b) Yes, Sir. Athletes preparing for international competitions are provided standard state-of-the-art sports equipment and infrastructure besides services of Indian and foreign experts and support staff as per specific requirements of the individual/team. Special emphasis is given to procure best sporting goods/items available in the market as per specifications recommended by the international Sports Federations.

Further, under the National Sports Development Fund and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) of the Ministry, the athletes are provided financial assistance to acquire modern sports equipment as per their choice to promote excellence in sports.

Also, under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, the identified promising athletes/teams are provided preparatory training at the National Coaching Camps, including wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, 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.

(c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to undertake any study to assess deficiencies in sports infrastructure rests with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements the efforts of States/Union Territory Governments. Sports infrastructure available under this Ministry cater to a large number of athletes.
