

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 194
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

Strategic Plans For Upcoming Olympics and Paralympics Events

194. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

(a) the details of funding allocated and utilized for India's participation in the recent Olympics and Paralympics, including expenditures on training, coaching, infrastructure and international exposure;

(b) the criteria and process followed to distribute funds among various sports federations and athletes in preparation for the Olympics and Paralympics;

(c) the specific challenges faced in the funding and preparation process for these events and whether any corrective measures are being implemented to improve efficiency and support and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any strategic plan for the upcoming Olympics and Paralympics including projected funding requirements to enhance the training facilities and measures to support emerging athletes; and

(e) the details of the targets set by the Government for medal outcomes in the next Olympics and Paralympics and the initiatives in place to achieve these goals?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (e) Sir, preparation for International events including Olympics and Paralympics is an ongoing and continuous process. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports supports the Indian sportspersons/teams through various schemes, such as Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).

The plans / proposals of the National Sports Federations (NSFs) relating to training, competitive exposure, coaches and support personnel including foreign coaches, for preparing sportspersons/teams for the international events including mega-sports events such as Olympics, Paralympics etc. are deliberated and finalized in the Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) meetings. Further, the proposals received, under TOPS, are evaluated and approved on a case-by-case basis by the Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), and on approval, the funds are directly disbursed to the athletes to facilitate their training and participation in competitions.

For the Olympics 2024, athletes were provided facilities of coaching camps, exposure to international competitions, etc, which was funded to the tune of approximately Rs. 470 crore, through various Government Schemes and CSR funding from the Public and the corporate sector.

For the Paralympics 2024, overall funding to the tune of approximately Rs.74 crore was utilized for the preparation and participation of athletes, covering key areas such as training and coaching, International exposure and competitions, Sports infrastructure development.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) creates / upgrades infrastructure in its SAI Centres. Over the last five years, Rs. 533.55 crore have been

spent towards improving the infrastructure and facilities of SAI Centres, where Olympic bound athletes of different sports get trained.

After conclusion of the Paris Olympics 2024, the following learnings have emerged:

- **Need for a clear selection policy and training plan of athletes by NSFs.**
- **Talent identification through strong domestic competition structure.**
- **Integration of sports science to enhance sporting performances.**
- **Development of coaches and Technical Officials and improving their competencies.**

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the NSFs, including the Indian Olympic Association, and the SAI are working in close coordination for providing best facilities, training, equipment support as also a wholesome nutritious diet required for preparation of the teams and sportspersons for the forthcoming international sports events, including Olympics and Paralympics. Furthermore, Government has also established the National Centre of Sports Science and Research (NCSSR) at New Delhi to better integrate sports science into the overall sports ecosystem.
