

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

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO.*115
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025**

Sports Science and Medicine Support Systems for Athletes

***115.SMT. PRATIMA MONDAL:**

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

- (a) the manner in which the Government is planning to strengthen the sports science and sports medicine support systems, particularly for elite athletes preparing for international competitions such as the Olympics and Asian Games;**
- (b) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to expand and upgrade the facilities at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) training centres;**
- (c) whether the Government is ensuring equitable access for athletes from marginalized communities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government is working to attract private investment and corporate sponsorships in sports infrastructure development and athlete support through public-private partnerships; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (E) OF THE
LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *115 FOR 28.07.2025 ASKED
BY SMT. PRATIMA MONDAL REGARDING SPORTS SCIENCE AND
MEDICINE SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR ATHLETES**

(a) The Government is focused on providing comprehensive, technologically advanced, and evidence-based services to athletes. The scheme of National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR), run by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, aims to support high-level research, education and innovation with respect to the high performance of elite athletes. Under the Scheme, this Ministry has set up the NCSSR at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Sports Authority of India (SAI), New Delhi as the Hub and supports by providing sports science equipment to SAI's 11 National Centres of Excellence (NCOE) and 2 High-Performance Centres (HPC), which act as Spokes. Further, this Ministry also supports the setting up of the Sports Sciences Department and Sports Medicine Department in the six selected Universities/Institutions and five Medical Colleges respectively, across the country. The NCSSR is equipped with specialized laboratories in biomechanics, physiology, recovery science, performance analytics, and other emerging domains. Expert professionals including physiotherapists, biomechanists, sports psychologists, strength and conditioning coaches, anthropometrist and nutritionists are deployed across National Centres of Excellence to ensure holistic and scientific-personalized care for athletes. The Government is focused on providing comprehensive, technologically advanced, and evidence-based services through the National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR).

Further, financial investments under the Khelo India programme support infrastructure and manpower, with each National Centre of Excellence operating a dedicated Sports Science and Medicine Unit linked to SAI's Athlete Welfare Division for strong governance.

Also, under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) the Govt. provides financial assistance to TOPS Athletes ensuring best possible rehabilitation and injury management.

(b) The Government has undertaken an exercise of restructuring SAI Training Centres (STCs) to ensure more focused and effective development of athletes. Given the existing sports infrastructure and financial considerations, the emphasis is currently on strengthening the capabilities of the existing centres to drive excellence in sports.

Following steps have been taken to upgrade the facilities at existing STCs:

- i) Financial norms have been raised for athletes in 2024.**
- ii) Foreign competition exposure head of Rs.15.00 crores has been earmarked for NCOE & STC athletes.**
- iii) To expand and upgrade the facilities at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) training centres, the details of Sports Infrastructure developed/sanctioned since 2014-15 is provided at Annexure – I.**

(c) ‘Sports’ being a State subject, the primary responsibility for promotion of sports in the country lies with the respective State and Union Territory Governments. The Union Government plays a supplementary role in supporting these efforts. However, to support the efforts of State Governments, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing the following Sports Promotional Schemes across the country for all athletes including those from marginalized communities:

- (i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports**
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)**
- (iii) Cash Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches**
- (iv) National Sports Awards**
- (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons**
- (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Scheme**
- (vii) National Sports Development Fund**
- (viii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI)**

The details of the above schemes are available in public domain and can be seen at <https://yas.gov.in/>.

(d) & (e) Yes, the Government is working to attract private investment and corporate sponsorships in sports infrastructure

development and athlete support through public-private partnerships. Under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), contribution from Corporates and PSUs is received to the Ministry in the form of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds towards development of Sports. For this purpose, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports participates in several CSR Conclave and other events. The details of participation in such CSR Conclave and other events in the last 3 years are as follows:

- (i) CSR Conclave organized by the department of Public Enterprise - 25th-26th September, 2023.**
- (ii) Sports India Expo organized by the Physical Education Foundation of India - 14th -16th Dec, 2023.**
- (iii) Sporting India Sports Carnival, 2024 at Coimbatore - 16th-17th March, 2024.**

The details of CSR funds received in National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) during the last three years are given at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE – I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *115 FOR ANSWER ON 28.07.2025 REGARDING SPORTS SCIENCE AND MEDICINE SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR ATHLETES, ASKED BY SMT. PRATIMA MONDAL, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

The details of Sports Infrastructure developed/sanctioned since 2014-15

S. No	Name of Work	State	Type of Infrastructure	Fund Allocated (amount in Crore)
Year 2024-25				
1	Replacement of Synthetic Athletic Track with allied works at SAI NS NIS Patiala	Punjab	Field of Play (FOP)	12.21
Year 2023-24				
2	Construction of low-cost Multipurpose Hall at SAI NSWC Gandhinagar	Gujarat	Multipurpose Hall	4.37
3	Re-laying of Hockey Turf (Blue) with allied works at SAI NSSC Bangalore.	Karnataka	Field of Play (FOP)	7.88
Year - 2022-23				
4	Establishment of Integrated High Performance Centre at SAI NCOE Sonapat	Haryana	Sports Science Centre	72.09
Year 2021-22				
5	Construction of Fencing Hall at National centre of	Maharashtra	Field of Play (FOP)	1.98

	Excellence, Aurangabad			
Year – 2020-21				
6	Construction of Squash Courts at MDCNS	New Delhi	Field of Play (FOP)	5.52
7	Laying of Synthetic Athletics Track and other field facilities at Bangalore	Karnataka	Synthetic Athletics Track	13.86
8	Construction of 330 Bedded hostel at SAI NSSC Bangalore	Karnataka	Residential	29.46
9	Construction of 300 Bedded Hostel at IG Stadium	New Delhi	Residential	29.48
10	laying of Synthetic Hockey Turf at STC Hazaribagh	Jharkhand	Hockey Turf	8.57
11	Construction of 300 Bedded Hostel at Dr. KSSR	New Delhi	Residential	29.3
12	Construction of 400 Bedded Hostel at NSWC, Sports Complex, Gandhinagar	Gujarat	Residential	30.28
13	Construction of 120 Bedded hostel – cum – Integrated sports complex at NCOE, Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh	Residential- cum- FOP	26.72
14	Construction of Archery centre of Excellence including High Performance Lab with Allied facilities at Sonapat	Haryana	Archery Centre	4.96

15	Replacement of Existing Synthetic Hockey turf at SAI NRC, Sonapat	Haryana	Synthetic Hockey turf	4.75
16	Establishment of Integrated Sports Science Centre and conditioning hall at SAI NS NIS Patiala	Punjab	Sports Science Centre	30.33
17	Construction of centralized kitchen and Food Court at NS NIS Patiala	Punjab	Kitchen and Food Court	7.51
Year - 2019-20				
18	Laying of 200 Synthetic Athletic Tracks at SAI Centre, Shillaroo	Himachal Pradesh	Synthetic Athletic Tracks	3.1
19	Laying of Synthetic Athletic track (Full) Type 8 lane at SAI, LNCPE, Thiruvanthapuram	Kerala	Synthetic Athletic Tracks	7.47
20	Construction of 300 Bedded hostel with Double occupancy at SAI, Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	Residential	26.82
21	Construction of 300 Bedded hostel double occupancy at Sonapat	Haryana	Residential	26.77
22	Construction of 300 Bedded hostel at SAI LNCPE Trivandrum	Kerala	Residential	34.8
23	Construction of 300 Bedded hostel at SAI Imphal	Manipur	Residential	38.57
24	Construction of Wrestling Hall at SAI	Uttar Pradesh	FOP	7.72

	Regional Centre Lucknow			
25	Construction of 300 Bedded hostel (Triple Occupancy) at NIS Patiala	Punjab	Residential	26.77
26	Construction of 300 Bedded hostel (Triple Occupancy) at RC Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	Residential	26.77
27	Construction of 300 Bedded hostel (Triple Occupancy) at Kolkata	West Bengal	Residential	26.77
28	Construction of 300 Bedded hostel (Triple occupancy) at RC Bangalore	Karnataka	Residential	27.06
29	Construction of 300 bedded hostel at (Triple Occupancy) at STC Aurangabad	Maharashtra	Residential	26.77
30	Construction of 300 Bedded hostel (Triple Occupancy) at SAI PUNE	Maharashtra	Residential	26.77
Year 2018-19				
31	Development of Playfields in different Govt. Schools in Rajasthan (17 locations)	Rajasthan	FoPs	8.85
32	Development of Gym Halls Govt. Schools in Jaipur, Rajasthan (17 locations)	Rajasthan	GYM Halls	3.06
33	Retro fittings work of existing RCC structure of old	New Delhi	Ancilliary	3.7

	Gymnastic Hall and AC plant, IGS			
Year 2017-18				
34	Construction of 162 bedded hostel for National campers at KSSR at New Delhi	New Delhi	Residential	12.26
35	Construction of 100 bedded hostel for National campers at NRC Sonapat	Haryana	Residential	8.33
36	Construction of 150 bedded hostel at NSNIS Patiala	Punjab	Residential	12.88
37	Construction of 100 bedded hostel at SAI CRC Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	Residential	11.29
38	Replacement of 2 synthetic hockey surface at MDCNS New Delhi	New Delhi	FoP	8.14
39	Laying of Synthetic Hockey surface in field no. 2 at CRC Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	FoP	4.68
40	Construction of Modern Change room Complex at Bangalore	Karnataka	Changing Room	4.41
41	Construction of 100 bedded Girls hostel at SAI STC Puducherry	Puducherry	Residential	11.8
42	Laying of 8 lane Synthetic Athletic Track at SAG Centre Kokrajhar, Assam	Assam	FoP	7.86

43	Laying of Synthetic Hockey Turf at SAG Centre Kokrajhar Assam.	Assam	FoP	6.26
44	Laying of 8 lane Synthetic Athletic Track at SAI STC Dimapur	Nagaland	FoP	7
45	Replacement of Synthetic Athletic Track at JLN Stadium	New Delhi	FoP	7.37
46	Laying of Synthetic Football Turf at SAI NERC Imphal	Manipur	FoP	5
47	Construction of MP Hall at SAI RC Sonapat	Haryana	MP Hall	8
48	Construction of MP Hall at SAI RC Mumbai	Maharashtra	MP Hall	8
49	Construction of MP Hall at SAI RC Bangalore	Karnataka	MP Hall	8
50	Archery Ground at NEHU Shillong	Meghalaya	FoP	1.48
51	Football ground and Synthetic Athletic Track at NEHU Shillong	Meghalaya	FoP	4.87
52	Construction of 100 Bedded Hostel for Boys at NEHU Shillong	Meghalaya	Residential	4.56
53	Construction of 100 Bedded Hostel for girls at NEHU Shillong	Meghalaya	Residential	4.07

54	Construction of MP Indoor Hall at NEHU Shillong	Meghalaya	MP Hall	9.19
55	Replacement of Synthetic Hockey surface at NSEC Kolkata	West Bengal	FoP	4.68
56	Replacement of Synthetic Athletic Track at NSEC Kolkata	West Bengal	FoP	6.1
57	Replacement of Synthetic Athletic Track at LBSNAA Mussorie	Uttarakhand	FoP	8.03
58	Laying of Synthetic Football Turf at SAI SAG Centre Thenzwal Mizoram	Mizoram	FoP	5
59	Laying of Synthetic 8 lane Athletic Track at SAI STC Tinsukia Assam	Assam	FoP	7
60	Construction of Swimming Pool 25X16 mtr. and allied facilities at CRC Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	FoP	3.39
61	Construction of Aquatic complex at RC Gandhinagar	Gujarat	FoP	2.5
62	Construction of Learners Swimming pool at NSRC Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	FoP	1.48
63	Construction of MP Hall at STC Hisar	Haryana	MP Hall	8
64	Installation of Synthetic Football	Meghalaya	FoP	5

	Turf at SAI STC Shillong			
Year 2016-17				
65	Construction of 100 bedded hostel at JNS Stadium	New Delhi	Residential	8.33
66	International Football Pitch with Lighting at SAI RC Guwahati	Assam	FoP	3.66
67	Construction of 100 bedded hostel at LNCPE	Kerala	Residential	8.62
68	Establishment of Regional Centre at Zirakhpur, RC Chandigarh	Punjab	NCoE	4.37
69	Laying of Synthetic football turf and allied works at NSSC Bangalore	Karnataka	FoP	7.55
70	Construction of 50 bedded hostel at STC Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh	Residential	3.93
71	Construction of swimming pool 50X25 mtr. size with allied facilities at STC Aurangabad	Maharashtra	FoP	10.3
72	Laying of Synthetic 8 lane Athletic Track at Govt. Brennan College Thalassery	Kerala	FoP	9.09
Year 2015-16				
73	Laying of Synthetic Hockey surface at CRC Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	FoP	3.38
74	Replacement of Synthetic Athletic	Punjab	FoP	5.98

	Track at NS NIS Patiala			
75	Indoor swimming pool 25X25 mtr. size at NIS Patiala	Punjab	FoP	7.87
76	laying of Syn. Hockey surface at takyel, Imphal	Manipur	FoP	5.93
77	laying of Syn. Athletic Track Imphal, Manipur	Manipur	FoP	7.59
78	Construction of Tennis Courts with Syn. Surface at takyel Imphal	Manipur	FoP	0.51
79	Construction of Wrestling Hall at SAI NRC Sonapat	Haryana	FoP	5.23
80	Infrastructure at SAG centre at Alleppey (Phase I) : 63 bedded Girls hostel	Kerala	Residential	13.72
81	Infrastructure at SAG centre at Alleppey (Phase II) : 63 bedded Boys hostel, Extension of fitness centre etc	Kerala	Residential	12.97
82	New Boat House and Floating Jetty at SAISAG Alleppey	Kerala	FoP	3.15
83	Replacement of Synthetic Hockey surface SAI Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	FoP	4.73
84	Replacement of Synthetic Hockey surface at STC Aurangabad	Maharashtra	FoP	5.65
Year 2014-2015				

85	Renovation of Cycling Velodrome, LNCPE	Kerala	FoP	1.39
86	Augmentation of existing HT & LT electric distribution system of camps, NSNIS Patiala	Punjab	Ancillary	3.38
87	Construction of 100 bedded Hostel at SAG Centre, Imphal	Manipur	Residential	8.98
88	Construction of Synthetic hockey surface at SAG Extn. Centre Thenzwal, SAG Aizwal	Mizoram	FoP	3

ANNEXURE – II

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S. No.	Year	CSR funds received from	Amount (in ₹)	Purpose
1	2023-24	General Insurance Corporation of India	3,85,32,900	For Weightlifting Equipments
2		Coal India Ltd	47,85,12,603	For construction of Hostels at LNIPE Gwalior, SAI Centre at Bengaluru and HPC – Sonapat.
3	2024-25	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)	6,00,00,000	For Integrated High Performance Sports Science Centre at SAI, Bengaluru
4	2025-26	-	-	-
Total			57,70,45,503	
