

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5868  
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**Utilisation of Increased SAI Budget**

**5868. SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL:  
SMT. SHAMBHAVI:  
SHRI RAJESH VERMA:  
SHRI ARUN BHARTI:**

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

**(a) the details of specific utilisation plan for the Rs. 917.38 crore increased allocation to Sports Authority of India (SAI) in Budget 2026-27 as compared to the previous allocation of Rs. 800 crore;**

**(b) whether the additional national camps, high-performance centres and international exposure training programmes are proposed to be funded through the enhanced SAI budget and if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) the details of priority Olympic/Asian Games disciplines receiving focused coaching and competition support through SAI infrastructure;**

**(d) the details of sports science facility upgrades including biomechanics laboratories, recovery centres and high-altitude training facilities at SAI regional centres; and**

**(e) whether the SAI expansion programme targets operationalising 50 high-performance centres across the country by 2030 and if so, the details thereof along with the location prioritisation criteria,**

**construction timelines and public-private partnership framework thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) The budget allocation for SAI during 2025-26 (RE) is Rs. 880 crore and the tentative BE for 2026-27 is Rs. 917.38 crore. The details are as under:**

<b>Heads</b>	<b>Budget Estimate (B.E.) 2025-26</b>	<b>Revised Estimate (R.E.) 2025-26</b>	<b>Tentative amount of B.E. 2026-27</b>
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>580.00</b>	<b>580.00</b>	<b>650.88</b>
<b>General</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>200.39</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>66.11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>830.00</b>	<b>880.00</b>	<b>917.38</b>

**The enhanced allocation in BE 2026–27 is mainly on account of increased provision under the Salary head and Capital head to meet establishment expenditure and infrastructure-related requirements of SAI centres.**

**(b) The enhanced budget of the SAI including under the Assistance to National Sports Federations, is utilized to support additional National Coaching Camps, strengthening of High-Performance Centres, and increased international exposure and training programmes for athletes.**

**These initiatives are implemented in consultation with National Sports Federations and are aimed at providing world-class training, sports science support, and competitive exposure to improve India's performance in major international sporting events.**

**(c) The priority disciplines covered under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) implemented by the Sports Authority of India are as under:**

- i. Archery**
- ii. Athletics**
- iii. Badminton**
- iv. Boxing**
- v. Hockey**
- vi. Rowing**
- vii. Swimming**
- viii. Shooting**
- ix. Squash**
- x. Weightlifting**
- xi. Wrestling**
- xii. Table Tennis**

**These disciplines are covered under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and receive support as per the scheme guidelines.**

**Further, for Asian Games, the disciplines covered under Target Asian Games Group (TAGG) are under:**

<b>1</b>	<b>Cycling</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fencing</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Gymnastics</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Kabaddi</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Tennis</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Sailing/Yachting</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Wushu</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Sepaktakraw</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Kayaking &amp; Canoeing</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Surfing</b>

**Apart from above, for Para-Athletes, the National Centre of Excellence (NCOE), Gandhinagar, has been identified as the primary centre for conducting sports activities. The centre is presently facilitating training in multiple disciplines, namely Para Athletics, Para Badminton, Para Table Tennis, Wheelchair Fencing, Para Swimming and Para Powerlifting.**

**(d) The details of upgradation of sports science facilities during last five years are as under:**

<b>S. N.</b>	<b>Name of Work</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Type of Infrastructure</b>
<b>2024-25</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>Modification of Gymnastics Practice hall-2 for establishment of Bio-Mechanics lab under NCSSR at IG Stadium</b>	<b>New Delhi</b>	<b>Sports Science Centre</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Renovation of NCSSR cabs at east plaza, IG Stadium complex</b>	<b>New Delhi</b>	<b>Sports Science Centre</b>
<b>Year - 2022-23</b>			
<b>3</b>	<b>Establishment of Integrated High-Performance Centre at SAI NCOE Sonipat</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>Sports Science Centre</b>
<b>Year – 2020-21</b>			
<b>4</b>	<b>Establishment of Integrated Sports Science Centre and conditioning hall at SAI NS NIS Patiala</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>Sports Science Centre</b>

**Further, SAI Regional Centres such as Patiala, Bengaluru, and Bhopal have sports science facilities including biomechanics, performance analysis and sports medicine support. At present, sports science support systems are operational across 23+ National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) and key SAI centres.**

**Regarding high-altitude training, SAI has established a dedicated facility at Shilaroo (Shimla), Himachal Pradesh, comprising training tracks, recovery infrastructure, and sports science support systems. In addition, a hypoxic chamber at SAI NCOE Sonapat is operational to simulate altitude conditions and support physiological adaptation.**

**(e) At present, following 02 high performance centres are under construction at SAI Regional Centres:**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of Work</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Type of Infrastructure</b>	<b>Tentative Construction timeline</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Establishment of Integrated High-Performance Centre at SAI NCOE Sonapat</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>Sports Science Centre</b>	<b>31.05.2026</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Establishment of Integrated High-Performance Centre at NSSC Bangalore</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>Sports Science Centre</b>	<b>01.07.2027</b>

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