

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.368
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.04.2016**

Support for Paralympic Sports

368. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

SHRI OM BIRLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that certain Indian Paralympic athletes have been forced to crowd-source their funding or depend on external organizational funding for the 2016 Rio Paralympic games, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of Paralympic athletes funded by the Sports Ministry for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games; and**
- (c) the details of grants allocated and utilised for welfare and development of Paralympic athletes in the last three years?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND
SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a)&(b) Madam, no such case has been brought to the notice of the Government. The Government has been extending financial assistance to Para athletes as per the provisions of the Scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federation (NSF)'. In November, 2015, the Government revised the said scheme whereby the amount of financial assistance has been raised upwards substantially. The provision of the scheme cover expenses for organizing national/international events in India, participation in international events abroad, coaching/training of athletes/national teams, equipment support etc. In addition, Government has also framed a scheme namely Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) to provide

financial assistance to athletes including Para athletes who have qualified for Rio Olympics or are having

a fair chance of winning medals. 9 Para athletes have already been given funding to the tune of Rs.108.90 lakhs under TOPS & National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for their training, travel expenses, boarding/lodging, cost of equipments etc. Details are given in the Annexure.

(c) During the last three years, the following amount has been spent from Central Government budget for the welfare and development of Para athletes under the scheme of 'Assistance to NSFs':-

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
2013-14	143.40
2014-15	197.72
2015-16 (Provisional)	278.51

In addition, Government has also given the following assistance from the NSDF:-

- i. Rs.20.00 Lakhs to the Cricket Association for the Blind for the conduct of 'Cricket World Cup for the Blind'.**
- ii. Cash Award of Rs.10.00 Lakhs each to 07 Para Athletes (Placed between 4th and 12th position in individual sports disciplines) in Paralympic Games, 2012.**
- iii. Cash Award of Rs.5.00 Lakhs each to the 17 members of the Indian Team for the 4th Cricket World Cup for the blind, which won the tournament.**

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.368 FOR REPLY ON 26-04-2016 ASKED BY SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU & SH. OM BIRLA REGARDING SUPPORT FOR PARALYMPIC SPORTS

A. NSDF assistance to Para athletes under TOP Scheme

S.No.	Name	Discipline	Funds released to athletes as on 21.04.2016 (Rs. In Lacs)
1	Amit Kumar Saroha	Men's Club Throw and Discuss Throw	1.43
2	Sharad Kumar	High Jump	11.26
3	Karamjyoti	Shot Put and Discus Throw	18.01
4	Narender	Javelin Throw	5.85
5	Deepa Malik	Javelin Throw and Shot Put	13.11
6	H.N. Girisha	High Jump	7.63
7	Naresh Kumar Sharma	Shooting	18.11
8	Farman Basha	Power Lifting	16.74
	Total (Para Athletes for 2016)		92.18

B. NSDF assistance to Para athlete (Not in TOP Scheme)

1	Sakina Khatun	Power Lifting	16.72
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