

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2380
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026**

Athletes Welfare under TOPS

†2380. SMT. SHOBHANABEN MAHENDRASINH BARAIYA:

SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:

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DR. LATA WANKHEDE:

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

(a) the current status of the Target Olympia Podium Scheme (TOPS), including the number of athletes supported under the core and development groups along with the number of talented athletes under TOPS, Khelo India, ASMITA and other Sports Authority of India programme, State/UT/district and Constituency-wise and sports-wise including Chhattisgarh and Kanker region, Telangana (particularly Nizamabad and Jagtial district) and Dewas-Shajapur Lok Sabha Constituency in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of financial assistance, sports science support, international exposure, coaching and other assistance being provided to the athletes under TOPS and Khelo India Schemes from the said State/UT/district and Constituency;

(c) the details of measures taken to strengthen the participation of women, rural and tribal sportspersons and para-athletes through initiatives such as ASMITA, Khelo India centre and Sports Authority of India (SAI) training centres in the said State/UT/district and Constituency;

(d) whether the Government has formulated a long-term roadmap to expand high performance support, athlete welfare and talent development for 2032 and 2036 Olympic Games in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
[DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]**

(a) to (c): TOPS is the Government's flagship programme for enhancing India's medal prospects at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Details of elite sportspersons supported under TOPS are at Annexure-I, while the list of 62 para-athletes inducted under TOPS is at Annexure-II.

During the current session, 90 para-athletes have been inducted under the Khelo India Scheme. Para Sports are being supported through the following National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) the details of which are attached at Annexure-VII.

A total of 2,786 athletes are supported under the Khelo India Scheme. State-wise details are at Annexure-III, discipline-wise details at Annexure-IV, and district-wise details are available on the Khelo India dashboard at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/khelo-india-center-dashboard>.

Further, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) implements the NCOEs, SAI Training Centres (STCs) including Extension Centres, and National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), including Adopted Akharas, for identification and development of sporting talent. The sanctioned strength is 4,384 athletes under NCOEs and 4,824 athletes under STCs. State-wise details for Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Madhya Pradesh are at Annexure-V, while financial assistance under various SAI Schemes is at Annexure-VI.

Further, 174 Khelo India Centres (KICs) are operational across 174 priority tribal districts, supporting 647 female and 664 male athletes.

To promote women's participation in sports, the Khelo India ASMITA League, launched in 2021, has conducted over 3,500 leagues across 700 cities in 38 disciplines, with participation of over 6 lakh women athletes. Additionally, over 450 ASMITA leagues have been conducted across 170 tribal districts in 30 States/UTs, covering 32 disciplines.

Selection of athletes, including women, rural, tribal and para-athletes, for competitions is the prerogative of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF) as per its selection policy.

Under TOPS, para-athletes in the Core Group receive a monthly Out-of-Pocket Allowance (OPA) of ₹50,000, while the identified Khelo India Athletes receive ₹10,000 per month under Khelo India Scheme.

(d) and (e): The Government has adopted a comprehensive approach to improve India's performance in major international sporting events, including the Olympic Games, through talent identification, world-class coaching and training, modern sports infrastructure, sports science and medical support, international exposure, and financial assistance under schemes such as TOPS, Assistance to NSFs, Khelo India, and NCOEs.

Annexure –I

ANNEXURE REFFERTRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2380 FOR 03.08.2026 ASKED BY SMT. SHOBHANABEN MAHENDRASINH BARAIYA, SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG, SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI, SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR, SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY, SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA AND DR. LATA WANKHEDE REGARDING “ATHLETES WELFARE UNDER TOPS”

Athletes under TOPS (Core & Development Group)

Number of Athletes	State/UT	Discipline	Inclusion Type
2	Andhra Pradesh	Archery	Core
2	Delhi		
1	Haryana		
2	Maharashtra		
1	Punjab		
2	West Bengal		
1	Haryana	Athletics	
1	Kerala		
1	Maharashtra		
3	Uttar Pradesh		
1	Goa	Badminton	
1	Kerala		
1	Maharashtra		
1	Punjab		
3	Telangana		
1	Uttarakhand		
1	Assam	Boxing	
3	Haryana		
1	Maharashtra		
1	Rajasthan		
1	Telangana		
1	Chandigarh		

1	Gujarat	Shooting	
4	Haryana		
1	Madhya Pradesh		
2	Maharashtra		
1	Punjab		
1	Telangana		
1	Uttar Pradesh		
1	Delhi	Table	
2	Gujarat		
1	Maharashtra		
1	Telangana		
1	Manipur	Weightlifting	
5	Haryana	Wrestling	
3	Chandigarh	Hockey	
1	Gujarat		
17	Haryana		
5	Jharkhand		
2	Karnataka		
3	Madhya Pradesh		
5	Maharashtra		
4	Manipur		
2	Mizoram		
7	Odisha		
12	Punjab		
1	Tamil Nadu		
8	Uttar Pradesh		
1	Uttarakhand		
1	Chandigarh	Archery	Development

3	Haryana	Archery	Development
2	Jharkhand		
3	Maharashtra		
1	Punjab		
2	Uttar Pradesh		
1	West Bengal	Athletics	
2	Andhra Pradesh		
1	Chattisgarh		
1	Delhi		
4	Haryana		
1	Karnataka		
5	Kerala		
1	Maharashtra		
1	Odisha		
2	Punjab		
1	Rajasthan		
9	Tamil Nadu	Athletics	Development
2	Telangana		
4	Uttar Pradesh		
2	Andhra Pradesh	Badminton	
1	Chhatisgarh		
1	Delhi		
3	Haryana		
1	Hyderabad		
1	Karnataka		
1	Madhya Pradesh		
1	Maharashtra		
1	Odisha		
1	Punjab		
1	Tamil Nadu		
1	Telangana		
1	Uttar Pradesh		

1	Assam	Boxing	Development		
1	Delhi				
1	Gujarat				
14	Haryana				
2	Himachal Pradesh				
1	Punjab				
4	Rajasthan				
1	Uttar Pradesh				
1	Chandigarh				
2	Delhi	Shooting	Development		
7	Haryana				
2	Karnataka				
1	Kerala				
2	Madhya Pradesh				
1	Maharastra				
3	Punjab			Shooting	Development
2	Rajasthan				
1	Tamilnadu				
2	Uttar Pradesh				
1	West Bengal				
1	Maharashtra	Squash	Development		
1	New Delhi				
1	Tamil Nadu				
1	Maharashtra	Swimming		Development	
4	Haryana	Rowing			
1	Kerela				
3	Maharashtra				
1	Manipur				
6	Punjab				
2	Rajasthan				
4	Uttar Pradesh				
1	Uttarkhand				
1	Karnataka				

1	West Bengal	Table Tennis	
1	Chandigarh	Wrestling	
6	Delhi		
15	Haryana		
1	Madhya Pradesh		

Target Asian Games Group (TAGG)

Number of Athletes	State/UT	Discipline
1	Delhi	Table Tennis (Youth)
1	Karnataka	
3	Maharashtra	
1	Odisha	
3	Tamil Nadu	
6	West Bengal	
1	Delhi	Golf
1	Haryana	
2	Karnataka	
1	Maharashtra	Sailing
1	Tamil Nadu	
1	Haryana	Fencing
1	Tamil Nadu	
1	Delhi	Equestrian
2	Haryana	
1	Karnataka	
3	Maharashtra	
1	Rajasthan	
1	Telangana	Equestrian
1	West Bengal	
1	Andhra Pradesh	Archery
2	Haryana	
4	Maharashtra	
1	Telangana	Archery
1	Kolkata	Squash
2	Tamil Nadu	
1	Gujarat	Swimming
3	Karnataka	
1	Tamil Nadu	
1	Haryana	Boxing
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Taekwondo
1	Assam	
2	West Bengal	Gymnastics

1	Himachal Pradesh	Judo
1	Kerala	Kayaking & Canoeing
2	Manipur	
2	Rajasthan	Cycling
1	Karnataka	Surfing
1	Tamil Nadu	Surfing
1	Gujarat	Tennis
1	Karnataka	
4	Maharashtra	
2	New Delhi	
2	Tamil Nadu	
5	Telangana	
3	Haryana	
		Wrestling

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List of 62 Para-Athletes currently supported under TOPS

Sn no	State	No. of Athletes
1	J&K	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	1
3	Bihar	2
4	Chhattisgarh	1
5	Delhi	1
6	Gujarat	3
7	Haryana	15
8	Himachal Pradesh	1
9	Karnataka	1
10	Kerala	1
11	Madhya Pradesh	3
12	Maharashtra	5
13	Meghalaya	1
14	Nagaland	1
15	Odisha	1
16	Punjab	1
17	Rajasthan	7
18	Tamil Nadu	6
19	Telangana	1
20	Uttar Pradesh	5
21	Uttarakhand	3

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State-wise Khelo India Athletes

SN	State/UT	Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	57
3	Arunachal Pradesh	17
4	Assam	51
5	Bihar	19
6	Chandigarh	33
7	Chhattisgarh	34
8	Daman & Diu	1
9	Delhi	137
10	Goa	4
11	Gujarat	73
12	Haryana	534
13	Himachal Pradesh	31
14	Jammu & Kashmir	16
15	Jharkhand	46
16	Karnataka	148
17	Kerala	101
18	Ladakh	1
19	Lakshadweep	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	82
21	Maharashtra	286
22	Manipur	138
23	Meghalaya	6
24	Mizoram	12
25	Nagaland	3
26	Odisha	80
27	Puducherry	9

28	Punjab	146
29	Rajasthan	154
30	Sikkim	0
31	Tamil Nadu	172
32	Telangana	56
33	Tripura	3
34	Uttar Pradesh	182
35	Uttarakhand	43
36	West Bengal	103
Total		2786

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Discipline-wise Khelo India Athletes

SN	Discipline	Grand Total
1	Archery	152
2	Athletics	173
3	Badminton	133
4	Basketball	67
5	Boxing	146
6	Cycling	125
7	Fencing	149
8	Football	117
9	Gymnastics	88
10	Hockey	190
11	Judo	138
12	Kabaddi	100
13	Para Sports	80
14	Rowing	110
15	Shooting	216
16	Swimming	148
17	Table Tennis	118
18	Tennis	99
19	Volleyball	119
20	Weightlifting	144
21	Wrestling	174
Total		2786

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NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (NCOEs)

SN	Region/ Centre Name	Disciplines	Girls
	National Centre of Excellence (NCOE)		
	MADHYA PRADESH		
1	Bhopal	Athletics	13
		Hockey	55
		Judo	59
		Judo (Para)	02
		Kayaking & Canoeing	17
		TOTAL:	146
	SAI Training Centres (STCs)		
	TELANGANA		
1	Hyderabad	Archery	10
		Athletics	13
		Gymnastics	10
		Hockey	16
		TOTAL:	49
	Chhattisgarh		
3	Raipur	Archery	7
		Volleyball	12
		TOTAL:	19
4	Rajnandgaon	Basketball	20
		Hockey	21
		TOTAL:	41
		SUB. TOTAL:	60
	Extension Centres of STCs		
	MADHYA PRADESH		
1	Ext. Centre Khandwa	Taekwondo	11

SN	Region/ Centre Name	Disciplines	Girls
		Wrestling	3
		TOTAL:	14
2	Govt. Boys MP Hr. Sec. School, Indore	Gymnastics	08
		Wrestling	3
		TOTAL:	11
		SUB.TOTAL:	25

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DETAILS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THESE ATHLETES UNDER NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (NCOE) SCHEME

SN	RESIDENTIAL - (Average Annual Expenditure Per Athlete)	(Amount in Rs.)
1	Lodging	Rs.2,50,000/- (Lumpsum)
2	Boarding Exp. (Unlimited High Quality Meals, supplementary diet and staffing cost)	
3	Sports Kit	
4	Competition & Exposure Visits (Travel, Lodging Boarding, Consumable etc.)	
5	Education Expenses (Including Tuition, Tutor & Books)	
6	Miscellaneous & contingencies (to be spent on minor treatment of Athletes only for their treatment, sport or contingencies)	
7	Medical/ Accidental Insurance	
	NON-RESIDENTIAL	
1	Sports Kit	Rs.1,50,000/- (Lumpsum)
2	Competition & Exposure Visits (Travel, Lodging Boarding, Consumable etc.)	
3	Edu. Exp. (Including Tuition, Tutor & Books)	
	SAI TRAINING CENTRES (STC)	
	RESIDENTIAL Rs.1,50,000/- (Lumpsum)	
1	Boarding Expenses (per day per head) for Hilly @Rs.300/- for Non-Hilly Areas @Rs.330/- for 330 days	Rs.24000/-
2	Sports Kit	
3	Competition Exposure	
4	Education Expenses	
5	Medical Expenses	
6	Medical/ Accidental Insurance	

7	Other Expenses	
	NON-RESIDENTIAL Rs.1,00,000/- (Lumpsum)	
1	Sports Kit	Rs.16500/-
2	Competition exposure	
3	Stipend	
4	Medical/ Accidental Insurance	
	EXTENSION CENTRE OF STCs TO COVER SCHOOLS/COLLEGES	
	Non-Residential	
1	Sports Kit	5000.00
2	Competition exposure	3000.00
3	Stipend (per athlete for 10 months in a year)	6000.00
4	Medical/ Accidental Insurance	150.00
	TOTAL:	14150.00
5	Infrastructure and equipment support in the identified institutions, per athlete, subject to ceiling of Rs.1.00 lac	5000.00
	NATIONAL SPORTS TALENT CONTEST SCHEME (NSTC) REGULAR SCHOOLS	
	Non-Residential	
2	Sports Kit	2000.00
3	Competition exposure	2000.00
4	Stipend for 10 months (per head per annum)	3000.00
5	Accidental Insurance	150.00
	TOTAL:	7150.00
6	Annual grant to the school for purchase of sports equipment (per annum)	20000.00
	INDIGENOUS GAMES & MARTIAL ART(IGMA)	
1	Sports Kit	1500.00
2	Accidental insurance	150.00
3	Stipend for 10 months (per head per annum)	3000.00
	TOTAL:	4650.00
	AKHARAS	
1	Sports Kit	3000.00
2	Competition Exposure	3000.00
3	Stipend	1000.00
4	Accidental Insurance	150.00
	TOTAL:	7150.00

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Name of NCOE	Disciplines
Alleppey	Para Kayaking & Canoeing
Trivandrum	Para Athletics & Para Taekwondo
Aurangabad	Para Archery & Para Fencing
Bangalore	Para Athletics
Bhopal	Blind Judo & Para Canoeing
Gandhinagar	Para Athletics Para Badminton Wheelchair Fencing Para Powerlifting Para Swimming Para Table Tennis
Kolkata	Para Archery & Para Athletics
Lucknow	Para Powerlifting & Para Taekwondo
Patiala	Para Cycling
Sonepat	Para Archery
Indira Gandhi Stadium	Para Cycling
Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range	Para Shooting