

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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OLYMPIC MEDAL TARGET SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched a new programme/scheme called 'Olympic medal target' to promote sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features and purpose thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for the programme; and
- (d) the total number of sportspersons who are likely to be benefitted under the said programme/schemes?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Government has launched a programme namely Target Olympic Podium under National Sports Development Fund. The programme is for identification of athletes who are potential medal winners in 2016/2020 Olympics. Financial Assistance is available for such athletes from National Sports Development Fund for training and competition for preparation for Olympics 2016/2020.

(c) and (d): 75 athletes are to be benefitted for Olympics 2016 out of which 45 athletes have been identified till now. Rs.30 crores approximately have been earmarked for preparation of the said 45 athletes subject to stipulated conditions. More athletes are to be identified for Olympics 2020.