

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4498
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018**

Performance of Sportspersons

**4498. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:
PROF. SADHU SINGH:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the performance of Indian Sportspersons which is considered below par vis-à-vis international parameters;**
- (b) the budgetary allocation made for the development of athletics with a longterm view;**
- (c) the details of funds allocated in 2018-19 for the promotion of sports among differently abled sportspersons;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up sports university and centre of sports sciences in various parts of the country; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Punjab?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
{COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)}**

- (a) Preparation of Indian sportspersons and teams aimed at enhanced performance in International tournaments is an ongoing process.**

The Government of India is providing all requisite support to the recognised sports disciplines for achieving excellence at the International level.

Based on standard of Indian athletes/teams at international level and their probability to win medal or give respectable

performance at international level, sports disciplines have been identified and categorised in four categories i.e. High Priority, Priority, General & Others.

For preparation of Indian sportsperson and teams for major international events, all requisite assistance is provided from the “Scheme of Financial Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)” as per the approved Annual Calendar of Training and Competition (ACTC) finalised in consultation with the concerned NSF.

Under the scheme of ‘Assistance to National Sports Federations’, identified promising sportspersons/teams are provided with all the requisite facilities for their preparations, such as wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, equipment, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging & travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/Supporting staff, Scientific & Medical supports, Sports Kit etc. besides financial assistance for their abroad training and participation in International Competitions in India and abroad. In addition the Government also provides incentives in the form of cash award to the athletes and their coaches who win medals at the recognised international competitions under the scheme of Special Award (Cash Award).

Government is also providing financial assistance to meritorious sportspersons for their customised training within the country and abroad under Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme.

Further, the Ministry is implementing the Khelo India Scheme which aims to infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence in the country by encouraging sports for all thus allowing the population across gender and all age groups to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development.

(b) Budgetary allocation of Rs. 342 Cr. has been made for Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Expenditure on preparation and participation of sportspersons belonging to discipline of athletics is also borne from the budgetary allocation for Scheme of Assistance to NSFs as per the ACTC finalized for athletics.

(c) The projected financial implication for the vertical of “Promotion of sports among persons with disabilities” of the Khelo India Scheme for the year 2018-19 is Rs.15.00 crore.

(d) & (e): The Government of India has decided to set up National Sports University in Manipur. This will be the first full-fledged Sports University in India conforming to international standards.

SAI has already Sports Science Centers at its 04 Regional Centers viz Bangalore, Kolkata, NSNIS Patiala and Delhi. Also, efforts are being made to set up Sports Science and Sports Medicine Centers in 07(seven) Regional Centers. Besides, financial assistance is being provided for setting up/ augmenting of sports science centres in Universities/ Institutes. A total of 06 (six) such institutions have already been selected during the current financial year. The list of the selected institutions is as under:

- 1. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar**
- 2. National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad**
- 3. Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE), Gwalior**
- 4. Viswa Bharati University, Shantiniketan, West Bengal**
- 5. Central University of Rajasthan**
- 6. Annamalai University, Tamilnadu**
