

Development Fund (NSDF), based on proposal received from them. Ms. Aanchal Thakur is included in TOPS.

(c) The Ministry provides incentives in the form of Special Cash Awards to medal winners in international sports events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, Asian Championships and Commonwealth Championships under the scheme 'Scheme of Special Awards to medal winners in international sports events and their coaches. The Special Cash Awards are processed based on recommendations of the concerned sports federations.

Reduced fund allocation for SAI

1432. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the fund allocation for the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been proposed to be reduced by ₹ 66.17 crore in the current budget;
- (b) the reasons for the curtailment of funds;
- (c) whether this will affect the functional prospects of SAI; and
- (d) which are the activities of SAI that are going to suffer due to the budgetary curtailment proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) The Sports Authority of India (SAI), which is an autonomous body under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, has been entrusted to implement a number of the twelve verticals of the Khelo India Scheme being implemented by this Ministry. The verticals entrusted to SAI are such for which requisite expertise is available with them and in most cases supplement/complement the activities already being undertaken therein. Accordingly, funds earmarked for such verticals will be placed at the disposal of SAI for implementing them. Thus, effectively, there has not been any curtailment of funds for SAI, though there has been rearrangement of resources between the Ministry and the SAI. In addition, SAI is also being provided financial assistance under other Schemes of the Ministry like the Scheme for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), etc., to undertake their activities.

(c) and (d) Since the activities being undertaken by the SAI are being supplemented/complemented with financial support from other Schemes of the Ministry, question does not arise.