

Authority of India. For participation in Khelo India Games, the players are selected by the State Governments based on criteria such as participation in School Games Federation of India Nationals, nomination by National Sports Federations/Central Board of Secondary Education, wild card entries.

(b) Preparation and training of Indian sportspersons and teams for forthcoming International Events is a continuous process which is being undertaken in accordance with the Annual Calendar of Training and Competitions (ACTCs) prepared in consultation with the Sports Authority of India and the concerned National Sports Federations. Accordingly, financial assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) under the scheme for assistance to NSF of this Ministry is provided for coaching camps, competitive exposure in international sports events, diet, food supplements, services of Indian and foreign coaches/supporting staff, scientific and medical support etc., Further, through Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) under the ambit of the National Sports Development Fund, customized training is being provided to identified sportspersons with medal potential at International level.

Action plan for 2020 Olympics

†284. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will chalk out any action plan for strengthening representation of Indian players and their preparation in Japan Olympics 2020 so that India gets more medals in Olympics; and

(b) if so, the outline thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) and (b) Sir, the Government is supporting sportspersons through National Sports Federations for their training, foreign exposures and competitions to enable them to obtain maximum quota for participation in the Tokyo Olympics, 2020. Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) customized training and allied facilities are also being made available to medal prospects and high achievers. Besides, 'out of pocket allowance' @ ₹ 50,000/- per month is given to the sportspersons included in TOPS for meeting their contingent and miscellaneous expenses.

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