

procurement of sports equipments etc. Under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) financial assistance is provided for customized training of elite athletes included in Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme. Under TOPS, the Government is extending all requisite support to probable athletes identified for the 2020 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games including foreign training, international competition, equipment, services of support staff/personnel like Physical Trainer, Sports Psychologist, Mental Trainer and Physiotherapist besides out of pocket allowance of ₹ 50,000/- per month.

(b) Following sports disciplines have been identified for focus for Olympic Games 2024 and Olympic Games 2028:—

Paris Olympics 2024	Los Angeles Olympics 2028
1. Athletics	1. Athletics
2. Archery	2. Archery
3. Badminton	3. Badminton
4. Boxing	4. Boxing
5. Hockey	5. Hockey
6. Weightlifting	6. Weightlifting
7. Shooting	7. Shooting
8. Wrestling	8. Wrestling
9. Swimming	9. Swimming
10. Table Tennis	10. Table Tennis
11. Rowing	11. Rowing
12. Judo	12. Judo
13. Cycling	13. Cycling
	14. Fencing

Indoor stadium in Nellore district

954. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved construction of indoor stadium in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when the proposal was submitted and approved;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ₹ 8 crores have also been sanctioned for this purpose but so far only ₹ 2 crores have been released; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the present status of work and by when the stadium would be ready for use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) The Government has sanctioned one project, namely, Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Sports Complex at Mogallapalem in SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The project proposal was submitted on 07.01.2017 and was approved on 04.02.2017.

(c) Yes Sir, ₹ 8.00 crore were sanctioned for the project mentioned above, out of which ₹ 2.50 crore have been released so far to Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh on 23.03.2017.

(d) No further funds could be released for want of utilization certificates outstanding against the grantee *i.e.* Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh, in respect of projects sanctioned earlier, which is a mandatory condition for further release of funds by the Government. As per the information submitted by Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh, the project has achieved 70% of physical progress and is likely to be completed by March, 2020.

Lack of achievements in sports

†955. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons due to which we have not been able to achieve high position in any other sport apart from Cricket and Hockey, despite India being a multi talented country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no dearth of talent in the country but players are unable to perform well due to the lack of adequate facilities except in sports like Cricket and Hockey; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.