

functional and has been extending all requisite support to probable athletes identified for the Tokyo-2021, Paris-2024 and Los Angeles-2028 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games including foreign training, international competition, equipment and coaching camp besides monthly stipend of ₹50,000/- for each athlete. At present, 94 athletes are included in the TOPS.

High priority category of sports discipline has been identified to put focus on and incentivize those sports disciplines played in the Olympics in which India has won medals in the last conducted Asian Games as well as Commonwealth Games or in which India has good chance of winning medals in the upcoming Olympics of 2024 (Paris) and 2028 (Los Angeles). Presently, nine sports disciplines viz., (i) Athletics, (ii) Badminton (iii) Hockey (iv) Shooting (v) Tennis (vi) Weightlifting (vii) Wrestling, (viii) Archery and (ix) Boxing have been categorised as 'High Priority'.

(c) Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), which covers the junior and sub-junior athletes also, is a dynamic exercise, wherein review of performance is done periodically fixing targets and intermediate milestones for individual athletes; and the sportspersons who fail to achieve the targets despite providing additional support and adequate time are dropped from the scheme.

Further, on the basis on key performance indicators brought out by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in collaboration with the National Sports Federations (NSFs), Coaches and other stakeholders, a periodic performance review is conducted for all athletes under the Scheme.

Resources provided to sportspersons

†159. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) resources raised by Government for sportsperson to encourage sports in the country;
- (b) the States in which the new Stadiums have been constructed during the last three years;
- (c) the types of new devices provided to the sportspersons for sports; and
- (d) the improvement in the sportspersons with these new devices and the details thereof, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) receives contributions from various organizations and individuals and equivalent amount of matching contribution is made by the Government for providing assistance to sportspersons. Since inception of NSDF, ₹163.14 crore has been raised. In addition, Government provides funds for development of sports from budget, which *inter-alia* includes for organizing sports events, giving training to selected sportspersons, upgradation of sports infrastructures, purchasing sports equipment, etc.

(b) "Sports" being a State subject, the primary responsibility to create sports infrastructure for promotion/development of sports, including construction of stadia in States, rest with respective State Government. Department of Sports supplements such efforts under various schemes.

(c) and (d) Various devices and sports equipment are provided to sportspersons from time to time as per requirement and type of sports discipline. It is a continuous process to enhance the performance of sportspersons at different levels of competition.

Promotion of Kho Kho and Kabaddi

160. DR. FAUZIA KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sports like Kho Kho and Kabaddi are lagging behind due to paucity of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken by Government for promoting these sports in the country; and

(d) the success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India and Kho Kho Federation of India, who have been given government recognition to promote the sports of Kabaddi and Kho Kho in the country, have been provided with the admissible financial assistance and other support under the various Schemes of the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India. Further, both Kabaddi and Kho Kho are part of the Khelo India Youth Games. Kabaddi and Kho Kho are also included in the list of games/sports which qualify the meritorious sportspersons for recruitment to Group 'C' posts in Central Government offices.
