

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1590
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021

Budget for National Sports Development Fund

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Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the budgetary allocation for the National Sports Development Fund;
- (b) whether the budgetary allocation for the said fund has decreased in the last two years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the budgetary support for meritorious sportspersons has also been reduced in the last two years, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]

(a): The details of the budgetary allocation for the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for last two years is as under:

| (amount in crore Rupees) | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Financial Year | Budget Estimate (BE) | Revised Estimate (RE) |
| 2019-20 | 70.00 | 77.15 |
| 2020-21 | 50.00 | 07.23 |

(b): NSDF receives matching contributions from the Central Government. Release of funds by the Central Government is based on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds received during a year. Funds received from CSR and Central Government are credited to NSDF Corpus from where expenditure on approved projects/activities is incurred. This remains an ongoing process. As per practice, difference between total CSR funds received/expected and provided by the Government, is provisioned in the budget.

Allocation of Rs.50.00 crore for NSDF during 2020-21 was considered sufficient as Government matching share keeping in view the likelihood of contribution from donors during 2020-21. Since, only Rs.7.00 crore was received as CSR contribution to NSDF during January and February 2021, and as a matter of prudence, the provision was reduced to Rs.7.23 core in RE 2020-21.

(c): There are three schemes for meritorious sportspersons viz. Scheme of Cash Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund. The details of the budgetary support provided under these schemes during last two years i.e. 2019-20 and 2020-21 is as under:

Year 2019-20

(Rs. In crores)

| Scheme | BE | RE |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Scheme of Cash Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches | 50.00 | 62.00 |
| Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons | 37.00 | 47.00 |
| Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund | 2.00 | 2.00 |

Year 2020-21

(Rs. In crores)

| Scheme | BE | RE |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Scheme of Cash Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches | 38.00 | 16.00 |
| Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons | 30.00 | 14.00 |
| Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund | 2.00 | 2.00 |
