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(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

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FUNDS FOR SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

799 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) details of funds allocated to sports infrastructure facilities for promotion of sports in country, particularly in rural areas of Karnataka during last three years and present year;
- (b) whether Government is considering/has taken technical and financial assistance from private institutions for development/ maintenance of sports infrastructure, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to ensure availability of modern sports equipment to athletes and whether regular sports training programmes were conducted for athletes/coaches and if so, details thereof; and
- (d) whether any study has been undertaken to assess deficiencies in sports infrastructure and steps taken to correct them?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of creating sports infrastructure rests with the State / Union Territory Governments. Central Government supplements efforts of the State / Union Territory Governments for bridging critical gaps. Funds are allocated by this Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise. However, the details of funds released for development of sports infrastructure facilities in the country and the State of Karnataka under the Khelo India Scheme during the last three years and the current year are as under: -

(Amount in Rs. crore)

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds released for development of sports infrastructure under Khelo India Scheme	Funds released for development of sports infrastructure in Karnataka under Khelo India Scheme
1	2018-19	216.86	9.50
2	2019-20	278.22	12.03
3	2020-21	120.50	0.40
4	2021-22	29.05	-

(b) Under the National Sports Development Fund, which is a Central sector scheme, CSR funds are received from public as well as private institutions for development/maintenance of sports infrastructure. So far, Rs. 170 crores have been received from various institutions.

(c) Yes, Sir. Elite athletes preparing for international competitions are provided with international standard State-of-the-art sports equipment and infrastructure besides services of Indian and foreign coaches and support staff as per specific requirement of the individual/team. Sports Authority of India (SAI) Headquarter provides good quality products/items to the Regional Centres across the country for training of players and National Campers. Special emphasis is given to procure best sporting goods/items available in the market as per specifications recommended by International Sports Federations. The sporting goods/items are procured as per the laid down procedure and as per demand received from elite players and National Sports Federations.

Further, under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) athletes are provided financial assistance to acquire modern sports equipment as per their choice to promote excellence in sports.

Moreover, under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, the identified promising athletes/teams are provided preparatory training at the National Coaching Camps, including wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, equipment, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and foreign coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc., besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad.

(d) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility to undertake any study to assess deficiencies in sports infrastructure rests with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements the efforts of States/Union Territory Governments. Sports infrastructure available under this Ministry cater to a large number of athletes.
