

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 800
TO BE ANSWERD ON 26.07.2021**

Preparations for Tokyo Olympics

**800 Shri Sanjay Seth:
Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken any effective measures and made preparations to train young athletes and sportspersons of the country to compete in the forthcoming Tokyo Olympics;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount spent thereon during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether Government has provided adequate support and facilities to States to develop better sports infrastructure facilities to match with the international standards for training sportspersons for Tokyo Olympics and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a) & (b) Sir, preparation for International events including Olympics is a continuous process. A High-Level Committee was constituted to oversee the preparation of Indian contingent for the Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020. During the second wave of Covid-19, several athletes were sent abroad for training so that they may remain unaffected by the ongoing pandemic in the country. Other Tokyo probables were trained in the training camps with social distancing.

Training and competitive exposure to sportspersons preparing for international sports events including Olympics is taken care of under the funds allocated for the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations. Customised training of medal prospects is taken care of under

Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) under the overall ambit of National Sports Development Fund.

The expenditure under TOPS and Scheme of Assistance to NSFs during the last three years including the current year is as under:-

Expenditure under TOPS Scheme

Financial Year	Total Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2018-19	14.32
2019-20	12.41
2020-21	15.66
Current year 2021-22 (As on 20.07.2021)	11.87

Expenditure incurred under Scheme of Assistance to NSFs

Financial Year	Total Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2018-19	243.63
2019-20	300.85
2020-21	132.00
2021-22 (till date)	34.93

(c) 'Sports' is a State subject. It is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to develop sports including development and creation of sports infrastructure of international standards. However, Central Government also provides financial assistance under its scheme of 'Khelo India' to States/UTs to develop critical sports infrastructure and other infrastructure, where there are gaps, including for sports science and sports equipment on the basis of viable proposals from them.

Training of sportspersons preparing to participate in major international tournaments such as Olympics is mainly held at Centres of Sports Authority of India, which have adequate facilities. Further, in order to improve the facilities owned by the State Governments, each State is permitted to identify one existing sports facilities to be declared as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (SLKISCE) wherein financial support is provided for manpower and upgradation of sports infrastructure facilities by conducting gap analysis. Such 24 SLKISCEs have already started across the country.
