

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF SPORTS AMONG YOUTH

1436. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to promote sports among the youth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the provision of equipment, training and other benefits;
- (c) whether there is any impact analysis done for these steps; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b): Sports is a State Subject and the primary responsibility of promotion and development of sports, including providing sports equipment, training etc. in various coaching centres in the country, rests with the State Governments and with the National Sports Federations (NSFs), which are responsible for governance of individual sports disciplines. To support the efforts of State Governments, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has formulated the following schemes to promote sports among the youth in the country: - (i) Khelo India Scheme; (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations; (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International sports events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards, Pension to Meritorious Sports Persons; (v) PanditDeendayalUpadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund; (vi) National Sports Development Fund; and (vii) Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India. Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the Sports Authority of India.

Besides, Sports Authority of India (SAI), provides sports equipment, training and other benefits in all its training Centres across the country. The Khelo India Scheme also provides for grant of financial support towards equipment to academies accredited under its Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies vertical, and also to State-Level Khelo India Centres under the State-Level Khelo India Centre vertical.

Further, through the schemes of the Department of Sports, such as, Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) the identified promising sportspersons and teams are being provided support of modern sports sciences, exposure abroad under experts of respective sports discipline, participation in International events / competitions as measures for further enhancing their preparedness for Olympics and other International events.

SAI has also been engaging foreign coaches, physiotherapists etc. from time-to-time in various sports disciplines to meet the specialized training needs of the elite athletes to increase their performance at International level.

(c) and (d):Third Party Evaluation Study of all the schemes of the Department of Sports is carried out which is co-terminus with the Finance Commission Cycle, as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance, to review their progress and rectify shortcomings. The Agency which carried out the Third Party Evaluation of the above schemes in the year 2020, recommended for continuation of these schemes.

Under the vertical “Utilization and Creation of Sports Infrastructure” of the Khelo India Scheme, financial assistance is provided to State/UTs and other eligible entities to develop critical sports infrastructure, equipment and other infrastructure where there are gaps.
