

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 316**  
ANSWERD ON- 03/02/2022

**SELECTION OF TALENTED PLAYERS FOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS**

316 # DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) different sports at the international level for which talented players are selected in the country;
- (b) whether Government has selected some talented players of weaker section/families in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof State and sports-wise; and
- (d) the aspects considered by Government to encourage players in sports events and to raise the level of excellence at the international level?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a): Participation and selection of sportspersons / teams in international events is done by the respective National Sports Federations (NSFs) and other sports bodies. Entries for participation in the programme of multi-sports events such as Olympics, Youth Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, etc. are done by the Indian Olympic Association and that for Paralympics and Para Asian Games are done by Paralympic Committee of India.

(b) & (c): The responsibility of selection of athletes for participation in international events is that of respective NSFs. Support from the Government towards training and participation of athletes including those from weaker sections of society is provided from the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, Target Olympic Podium Scheme, Khelo India Scheme, and Sports Promotional Schemes of the Sports Authority of India.

(d): For raising the level of excellence of Indian sportspersons/ teams at international events, support for training and competitive exposure is provided under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, Target Olympic Podium Scheme, Khelo India Scheme and promotional schemes of the Sports Authority of India and inclusion of the sportspersons in these Schemes is done in accordance with the criteria laid down in the respective Schemes keeping in view the level of performance of the athletes, their national / international rankings, etc.