

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
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PARIS OLYMPICS

480 SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken measures to support athletes in their preparation for the Paris Olympics scheduled for this year;
- (b) if so, the details of such measures taken;
- (c) the financial as well as material support provided to the athletes so far; and
- (d) the proposed measures to be taken in the run up to the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (c) Sir, preparation for International events including Olympics is an ongoing and continuous process. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports supports the Indian sportspersons/teams through various schemes, such as Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations and Target Olympic Podium Scheme. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the National Sports Federations (NSFs), including the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are working in close coordination for providing best facilities, training, equipment support as also a wholesome nutritious diet required for preparation of the teams and sportspersons for the forthcoming international sports events, including the Paris Olympics 2024.

The selection for customized training of the elite athletes who are medal prospects for mega sports events is done through the Ministry's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC). A performance review is also held at regular intervals under this mechanism.

The strategy adopted for the Paris Olympics 2024 aims for holistic preparation. The key support provided to the sportspersons/ teams includes:

- Continuous monitoring and review of Athletes performance on a weekly basis;
- Additional sports funding through CSR;
- Detailed examination of selection policies of NSFs based on best international practices;
- Upgradation of all facilities of SAI centres for, inter alia, diet, equipment, field of play;
- On-boarding of all stakeholders for athlete centric decision making;
- Camp identification for the best suited foreign pre-game training by SAI team two years prior to the Games;
- Data-driven decision making.

Our athletes will compete across 16 sports disciplines, including archery, athletics, boxing, badminton, equestrian, golf, hockey, judo, rowing, shooting, swimming, sailing, table tennis, tennis weightlifting and wrestling. The athletes have been provided facilities of coaching camps, exposure to international competitions, etc, which has been funded to the tune of approximately Rs. 470 crore, through various Government Schemes and CSR funding from the Public Sector Undertakings as well as the Corporate sector.

(d) Government has approved for financial assistance of Rs.11.2 crore towards participation of the Indian contingent in the Paris Olympics. Moreover, Government has also supported the procurement of medical equipments for the recovery centre for our athletes in the Olympic Games Village at Paris, assistance for booking of additional rooms to accommodate personal coaches and support staff of the athletes outside Games Village due to quota restrictions and Out of Pocket Allowance to all contingent members staying at the Games Village as well as to all those alternate athletes and additional support staff who will be supporting the Indian athletes for their participation in the Olympic Games.
