

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 06/02/2025

CHALLENGES IN PROMOTION OF PARALYMPIC SPORTS

476 DR. SYED NASEER HUSSAIN:

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

- (a) the percentage of funds allocated specifically for paralympic sports under the Khelo India scheme since the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) in what manner the Ministry plans to address the gaps in coaching and infrastructure for athletes with disabilities;
- (c) whether there are any plans to create more paralympic-specific training centres in under-represented regions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) Funds are allocated scheme-wise and not discipline-wise in this Ministry. Details of funds allocated under the Khelo India Scheme, including for para sports, during the last three years are as under:

(in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds allocated
1	2021-22	869.00
2	2022-23	600.00
3	2023-24	880.00

(b) The Government has implemented several initiatives to bridge gaps in coaching and infrastructure for athletes with disabilities. These include financial assistance through the Scheme of Financial Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), which supports all aspects of training for athletes with disabilities, such as access to advanced infrastructure, nutritious food, sports equipment, lodging, travel, expert coaching, medical and scientific support, and sports kits. It also provides funding for training abroad and participation in international competitions. Additionally, the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) identifies and financially supports talented athletes with disabilities, offering resources like equipment, coaching, and allowances based on performance evaluations. The Government also supports the participation of athletes with disabilities in global events such as the Special Olympics, Deaflympics, and other international para-sport competitions. Further, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), operating under the auspices of this Ministry, has instituted a Para Centre within its National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) Scheme at SAI Regional Centre, Gandhinagar. This centre is actively engaged in training athletes in Athletics, Swimming,

Powerlifting, and Table Tennis. Additionally, all sports facilities are mandated to adhere to the guidelines outlined in "Accessible Sports Complex and Residential Facilities for Sports Persons with Disabilities," ensuring the comfort and accessibility of facilities for athletes with disabilities.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration in this Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.
