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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports, having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on its behalf, do hereby present this Three Hundred and Fifty First Report on the Demands for Grants (2023-24) pertaining to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

2. In accordance with the constitutional requirement under Article 113, the estimated expenditure of Ministries/Departments of Government of India projected under various Demands for Grants for the upcoming Financial Year needs to be voted by Parliament. As a sequel thereto, Demands for Grants of the relevant Ministries/Departments stand referred to Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee concerned to make a close scrutiny thereof under Rule 270 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States. While making scrutiny of the Demands for Grants, the Committee has made an appraisal of the performance, programmes, schemes and policies of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports *vis-à-vis* expenditure made out of Consolidated Fund of India in the current Financial Year.

3. In this Report, a scrutiny of Demand No. 102 pertaining to the Department of Youth Affairs and Department of Sports of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the Financial Year 2023-24 has been made by the Committee.

4. During the course of examination of Demands, the Committee heard the views of the Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs and Department of Sports along with representatives of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Service Scheme (NSS); Directors-General of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) and Vice-Chancellor of the National Sports University in its meetings held on 27th & 28th of February, 2023.

5. The Committee, while making its observations/recommendations, has mainly relied upon the following: -

- (i) Presentations made by the Secretary of the Department of Youth Affairs and Department of Sports of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports covering Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Service Scheme (NSS), Sports Authority of India (SAI), National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) and National Sports University under the Administrative Control of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports;
- (ii) Detailed Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the year 2023-24;

(iii)

- (iii) Detailed Explanatory Notes on the Demands for Grants (2023-24) received from the Ministry and the agencies/organizations/attached offices of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the year 2022-23 and the latest available Annual Reports of the agencies/organizations/attached offices of the Ministry and other study reports;
- (v) Written replies furnished by the Department of Youth Affairs and Department of Sports respectively on the Questionnaires (Issues and Schemes & Budgetary Allocations) prepared by the Secretariat; and
- (vi) Written clarifications furnished by the Department of Youth Affairs and Department of Sports respectively to the points/issues raised by Members in the above said meetings of the Committee.

6. The Report is based on facts, figures and submission (both oral and written) tendered by Departments and Organizations under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, to the Committee.

7. The Committee wishes to express its thanks to the Secretary and officers of the Department of Youth Affairs and the Department of Sports as well as Heads/Officers of the organizations/agencies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for appearing before the Committee and furnishing the requisite information in connection with the examination of the Demands for Grants of the Ministry.

8. The Committee considered and adopted the Report in its meeting held on 27th March, 2023 and presented to both Houses of Parliament on 28th March, 2023.

9. For the facility of reference and convenience, the observations and recommendations of the Committee have been printed in bold letters in the body of the Report.

NEW DELHI
27th March, 2023
Chaitra 6, 1945(Saka)

Shri Vivek Thakur
Chairman, Department-related
Parliamentary Standing Committee on
Education, Women, Children, Youth
Affairs and Sports

ACRONYMS

ABSE	Army Boys Sports Company
ACTC	Annual calendar for training and competition
BE	Budget Estimates
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
CYP	Commonwealth Youth Programme
DC	District Collector
DFG	Demands for Grants
DoS	Department of Sports
EFC	Expenditure Finance Committee
FY	Financial Year
HPL	Human Performance Lab
HRD	Human Resource Development
IIM	Indian Institute of Management
ISLs	International Standards for Laboratories (ISLs)
KIC	Khelo India Centre
KISCE	Khelo India State Centers of Excellence
KISG	Khelo India School Games
KIUG	Khelo India University Games
KIWG	Khelo India Winter Games
KIYG	Khelo India Youth Games
LNCPE	Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education
LNPIE	Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education
MAKA	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MoYAS	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
NABL	National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories

NADA	National Anti-Doping Agency
NCOE	National Centre of Excellence
NCS	National Coaching Scheme
NCSC	National Centre for Sports Coaching
NCSSR	National Centre of Sports Science and Research
NDS	National Discipline Scheme
NDTL	National Dope Testing Laboratory
NPDS	National Programme for Development of Sports
NPYAD	National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development
NSA	National Sports Awards
NSDCI	National Sports Development Code of India
NSDF	National Sports Development Fund
NSF	National Sports Federation
NSNIS	Netaji Subhash National Institute for Sports
NSS	National Service Scheme
NSTC	National Sports Talent Contest
NSU	National Sports University
NYC	National Youth Corps
NYF	National Youth Festival
NYK	Nehru Yuva Kendra
NYKS	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
NYLP	National Young Leadership Programme
PDUNWFS	Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons
RE	Revised Estimates
RGNIYD	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development
RTI	Right to Information
RYSK	Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram

SAG	Special Area Games
SAI	Sports Authority of India
SLKIC	State Level Khelo India Centres
SNIPES	Society for National Institute of Physical Education & Sports
SRA	Sports Regulatory Authority
STC	SAI Training Centre
TOPS	Target Olympic Podium Scheme
ToTP	Training of Trainer Programme
UFS	University Field Station
UNDF	United Nations Development Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNV	United Nations Volunteer
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency
YH	Youth Hostels

REPORT

OVERVIEW OF THE MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION

India has the largest Youth population in the world presently. This demographic dividend is a window of opportunity in terms of growth and development of our country in the light of its impact on work participation and dependency ratios, an opportunity which would need to be seized before the window closes. Inculcating among these youth, a sense of pride for the country through their conduct, making contribution to society in manifold ways, channelizing their energies and instilling in them a strict sense of discipline will not only help them in grooming them into better and responsible citizens but also substantially contribute towards creation of strong nation building and achieving the desired goals of making India a developed nation by 2047 at the same time it has its own challenges with reference to inclusive growth and the need to bridge divides. For this transcendental sectoral programme and other interventional programmes aimed at addressing the youth in a multi-dimensional manner are needed.

1.2 Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports became a full-fledged Ministry on 27th May, 2000, the nodal Ministry for the formulation and implementation of policies for the overall development and empowerment of youth of the country. It also opened an opportunity for them to get them involved in the nation building process, promotion and development of youth and sports-related activities. The Ministry was bifurcated into two Departments, *viz.*, Department of Youth Affairs and Department of Sports, *w.e.f.* 30th April, 2008.

1.3 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS

1.3.1 The vision of the Department of Youth Affairs is to act as a key enabler in the process of all-round development and empowerment of youth of the country, to enable them to realize their full potential and thereby contribute to the nation-building process, to develop strong and healthy generations, to instill social values and promote Community Service, facilitate participation and Civic engagement, support youth at risk and create equitable opportunity for all.

1.3.2 Role of Department of Youth Affairs

- (i) Pursue the twin objectives of personality-building and Nation-building through developing the personality of youth by involving them in various nation-building activities.
- (ii) To promote the spirit of community service through its organizations-Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS) by participating in various initiatives and supporting other Ministry thereby bringing in "*Jan Bhagidaari se Jan Andolan*" and
- (iii) To act as a facilitator and a catalytic agent in issues related to youth cutting across Ministries/Departments like Health, Education, Skilling, Culture, Social Justice, etc.

1.3.3 Mission of the Department

Mission of the Department of Youth Affairs is mentioned as under:-

- To formulate policies aimed at promotion and development of Youth of the Country.
- To formulate and implement policies and programmes for all-round development of the personality of youth through community service.
- To formulate and implement policies and programmes aimed at involving the youth in various nation-building activities.
- Strengthen engagement programmes for youth.
- Support organizations working towards spreading social values and harmony.
- Engage youth outside the political system.
- To leverage youth organizations toward community development to generate positive outcomes at the grassroots level.
- Promote volunteerism by involving youth in community development activities.

1.3.4 The Second Schedule of the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 clearly spells out the specific subjects being dealt with by the Department of Youth Affairs which are as under:

- (i) Youth Affairs /Youth Policy;
- (ii) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS);
- (iii) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD);
- (iv) National Service Scheme (NSS);
- (v) Voluntary Youth Organization including financial assistance to them (Financial Assistance to Youth Organization for Youth and Adolescents Development);
- (vi) National Youth Corps (NYC);
- (vii) Commonwealth Youth Programme and United Nations Volunteers;
- (viii) Youth welfare activities, Youth festivals, etc. (National Youth Festival);
- (ix) Boy-scouts and girl-guides;

- (x) Youth Hostels;
- (xi) National Youth Awards (National Youth Awards and Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards);
- (xii) Residual work of the erstwhile National Discipline Scheme;
- (xiii) Exchange of Youth Delegation with foreign countries;

1.3.5 The Department has two autonomous bodies *namely*, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu (notified as an “Institute of National Importance” by an Act of Parliament in 2012) and one subordinate office, *namely*, the National Service Scheme (NSS) under its administrative control. The Department also implement a single umbrella Scheme called Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram(RYSK) with seven components, *namely*, NYKS, National Young Leaders' Programme (NYLP), National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development(NPYAD), National Youth Corps (NYC),International Co-operation, Scouting and Guiding and Youth Hostels (YH),the details of which are enumerated later in the Report.

1.3.6 **NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY, 2014 (NYP-2014)** : The National Youth Policy-2014 reiterates the commitment of the entire nation for overall development of the youth of India (the policy defines ‘youth’ as persons in the age group of 15-29 years), so that they can realize their full potential and contribute to the nation-building process. The Policy proposes a holistic “vision” for the youth of India, which is “*To empower youth of the country to achieve their full potential, and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of nations*”. The Department of Youth Affairs formulates policies for the implementation of the objectives laid down in the policy.

1.4 DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

1.4.1 The mandate of the Department is to create and develop sports infrastructure facilities and encourage sporting talent in the country. It is also responsible for capacity building for broad-basing sports as well as providing necessary assistance in the form of scientific support, training and exposure to sports persons for achieving excellence in various competitive events at the national and international levels.As per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, Sports being a State subject, the responsibility of development and governance of sports vests with the State Governments and various National Sports Federations (NSFs),which are autonomous bodies.

1.4.2 The Second Schedule of the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 clearly spells out the specific subjects being dealt with by the Department of Sports which are as under:

- (i) Sports Policy;
- (ii) Sports and Games;

- (iii) National Welfare Fund for Sportsmen;
- (iv) Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports(NSNIS);
- (v) Sports Authority of India (SAI);
- (vi) Matters relating to the Indian Olympic Association and National Sports Federations;
- (vii) Participation of Indian sports teams in tournaments abroad and participation of foreign sports teams in International tournaments in India;
- (viii) National Sports Awards including Arjuna Awards;
- (ix) Sports Scholarships;
- (x) Exchange of sports persons, experts and teams with foreign countries;
- (xi) Sports infrastructure including financial assistance for creation and development of such infrastructure;
- (xii) Financial assistance for coaching, tournaments, equipment, etc.
- (xiii) Sports matters relating to Union Territories;
- (xiv) Physical Education;

1.4.3 The following organizations/institutions also function under the administrative control of the Department of Sports:-

- (i) Sports Authority of India (SAI);
- (ii) Lakshmi Bai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh;
- (iii) National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA);
- (iv) National Dope Testing laboratory (NDTL);

1.4.4 **NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY, 2001:** National Sports Policy, 2001, which was introduced with the objectives of “Broad-basing of Sports” and “Achieving Excellence in Sports” at the national and international levels, was formulated, in order to have an organized and systematic framework for the development and promotion of sports in the country. The Department of Sports formulates policies for the implementation of the objectives laid down in the policy. The salient features of the Policy are as under:

- Broad basing of sports and achievement of excellence;
- Up-gradation and development of infrastructure;
- Support to National Sports Federations and other sports bodies;
- Strengthening of scientific and coaching support to sports;
- Special incentives to promote sports;
- Enhanced participation of women, scheduled tribes and rural youth;
- Involvement of corporate sector in sports promotion; and
- Promote sports mindedness among the public at large.

1.5 SCHEMES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (DoS)

1.5.1 KHELO INDIA SCHEME: The Khelo India Scheme aims to infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence in the country and also to encourage sports all over the country. This will help the population to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development. The components of the revised Khelo India Scheme (2021-22 to 2025-26) have been rearranged and rationalized by merging some of the similar components, thus redressing these verticals to five components. However, basic object/vision and structure of the revamped Khelo India Scheme have been retained.

1.5.2 Various key sports development initiatives are being carried out through the Khelo India Scheme including:-

- 250+ Sanctioned Infrastructure projects in 28 States/8UTs.
- Annual Sports Competitions of international standards are organized including Khelo India Youth Games, Khelo India University Games, Khelo India Winter Games, etc.
- Khelo India State Centre of Excellence was established in 29 States/UTs.
- More than 700 Khelo India District Centres are supported.
- More than 250 academies are accredited for training of athletes identified through the scheme.
- 2800+ Athletes are identified and are supported with out of pocket Allowance & other support through this scheme
- Indigenous Games including Gatka, Thang-Ta, Kalaripayattu, Mallakhamb, Yogasana are promoted.
- Women exclusive leagues/competitions are organized for 10 sporting disciplines.

1.5.3 Assistance to National Sports Federations: Under Assistance to National Sports Federations Scheme, the Government of India provides assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and other sports organizations for conducting National championships and holding of International Tournaments in India, participation in international tournaments abroad, organizing coaching camps, procuring sports equipment, and engagement of foreign coaches.

1.5.4 Special Cash Award: Scheme of Special (Cash) Awards to Winners in International sports events and their Coaches was introduced in the year 1986 to encourage and motivate outstanding sportspersons for higher achievements, and to attract the younger generation to take up sports as a career. A cash award ranging from Rs.1.00 Lakhs to Rs.75 Lakhs is given to award winning outstanding sportspersons for their achievements in international sports events.

1.5.5 National Sports Awards (NSAs): NSAs are conferred by Hon'ble President of India normally on the National Sports Day (i.e. 29th August) every year to outstanding sportspersons, coaches and entities engaged in promotion of sports. The day is celebrated to commemorate birth anniversary of Hockey legend Major Dhyan chand. Brief description of awards under this scheme is as under:

- **Major Dhyan chand Khel Ratna Award-** Launched in the year 1991-92, this scheme is for awarding a medallion along with a cash award of Rs. 25.00 Lakhs to be given to a sportsperson for his/ her spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports over a period of four years immediately preceding the year during which the award is to be given.
- **Arjuna Award** was instituted in 1961 and is given to players who have exhibited good performance consistently for the previous four years at the international level, and have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline. The awardees are given a statuette, a scroll of honour, ceremonial dress and award money of Rs.15.00 Lakhs.
- **Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievements in Sports and Games** was instituted in the year 2002. This award is given to honour those sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and continue to contribute to promotion of sports even after their retirement from active sporting career. The awardees are given a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and award of Rs.10.00 lakhs.
- **Dronacharya Award** was instituted in 1985. This award honours eminent coaches who have assisted national athletes and teams in achieving outstanding results in international competitions. The awardees are given a statuette, certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of Rs.15.00 Lakhs in lifetime category and Rs.10.00 lakhs in regular category.
- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy:** With a view to promoting competitive sports in colleges and universities, MAKA Trophy with a cash award of Rs.15.00 Lakhs is given to the University standing first in inter-university sports tournaments. The Universities standing second and third are given cash award of Rs.7.5. Lakh and Rs.4.5 Lakhs each, respectively.
- **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar:** With a view to recognizing the contribution made to sports development by entities other than Sportspersons and coaches, Government instituted a new award from 2009 entitled Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar, which has four categories, namely, community sports development, Promotion of sports academies of excellence, support to elite sportspersons and employment to Sportspersons.

1.5.6 Pension to Meritorious Sports Persons: Under this scheme launched in the year 1994, those sportspersons, who are Indian citizens and have won gold, silver and bronze medals in Olympic Games, World Cup/World Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Paralympic games, and who have attained the age of 30 years,

and have retired from an active sports career are eligible for life pension. The present rates of pension are from Rs.12,000/- to Rs.20,000/- per month.

1.5.7 Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Fund: Pandit Deen dayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for sportspersons (PDUNWFS) was set up in March, 1982 with a view to assisting outstanding sportspersons of the past, living in indigent circumstances, who had brought glory to the country in sports. Quantum of assistance from the fund ranges from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs.10 lakhs on the various grounds, including medical treatment.

1.5.8 Human Resource Development in Sports: The Scheme of Human Resource Development in Sports, a Central Sector Scheme, was launched by the DoS in the financial year 2013-14 after thorough revision of the “Scheme of Talent Search and Training”. The main focus of the Scheme is to give emphasis on the academic and intellectual side of sports management by awarding fellowships to deserving candidates for specialized studies at Masters’ and Doctoral level in specific disciplines of sports and games where human resources are found to be inadequate.

1.5.9 National Sports Development Fund: The National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) was established in 1998 under the Charitable Endowment Act, 1890, with a view to mobilizing resources from non-governmental sources, including the private/corporate sector and non-resident Indians.

2. OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE DEMANDS FOR GRANTS OF THE MINISTRY

2.1.1 The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports considered the Demands for Grants (2023-24) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in its meeting held on the 28th February, 2023. The Demands for Grants (2023-24) of the Ministry have been presented to Parliament under Demand No. 102.

2.1.2 Consequent upon the decision to do away with the practice of classifying Expenditure as Plan and Non-Plan, the focus of Budgeting and Expenditure has shifted to Revenue and Capital Expenditure from the Financial Year 2017-18. In BE (2022-23), budgetary allocations are depicted only as Revenue/Capital and all expenditure of the Ministry is “Voted”. The detailed break-up of the allocations of funds to the Department of Youth Affairs in BE (2022-23) under Scheme and Non-Scheme Heads in Revenue and Capital Head in BE & RE (2022-23) and BE (2023-24) and percentage of change/variation in allocations and utilization is as follows:

TABLE -I
Revenue and Capital Scheme-wise allocation under Demand No 102

(Rs. in crores)

	Actuals 2021- 22	BE2022-23		RE2022-23		BE2023- 24		Variations (Percentage)	
		Scheme	Non- scheme	Scheme	Non- scheme	Scheme	Non- scheme	BE2022-23& BE2023-24	RE2022- 23& BE2023-24
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8= $((6+)-(2+3))/(2+3)$	9= $((6+7)-(4+5))/(4+5)$
Revenue	627.72	416.19	387.10	350.12	413.54	460.12	466.85	15.40%	21.39%
Capital	0.50	5.31	0.00	2.00	0.00	5.39	2.37	46.14%	288.00%
Total	628.22	421.50	387.10	352.12	413.54	465.51	469.22	15.60%	22.08%
Grand Total	628.22	808.60		765.66		934.73		15.60%	22.08%

2.1.3 The table below gives the details of budgetary allocations to the Ministry for the FYs2022-23 and 2023-24, the actual expenditure for the financial year 2021-22, projection made to the Ministry of Finance for the financial year 2022-23, and variations between BE/RE for 2021-22, BE 2022-23 and projections made to the Ministry of Finance:-

TABLE- II
Revenue and Capital wise Allocations under Demand No. 102 pertaining to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

(Rs.in crores)

Department-wise Projection, Allocation, Utilization and Variations (Demand no. 102)												
S N o	Name of the Depart ment	Actu als 2021 -22	BE 2022-23		RE 2022- 23		Proje ctions made to MoF for 2023- 24	BE 2023-24			% chan ge BE 2022 -23 to BE 2023 -24	Variati on betwe en project ions and BE 2023- 24 (%)
			Reven ue	Ca pita l	Reve nue	Cap ital		Revenu e	Capi tal	Tota l		

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11=(10- - (3+4))/ (3+4)	12=(10- 7)/7
1	Youth Affairs	628.22	803.28	5.32	763.66	2.00	1134.60	926.97	7.76	934.73	1.60%	-17.62%
2	Sports	1748.74	2254.00	0.00	1907.69	0.00	3259.53	2462.59	0.00	2462.59	9.25%	-24.45%
	Total	2376.96	3057.28	5.32	2671.35	2.00	4394.13	3389.56	7.76	3397.32	10.93%	-22.69%
	Grand Total	2376.96	3057.28	5.32	2671.35	2.00	4394.13	3389.56	7.76	3397.32	10.93%	-22.69%

2.1.4 The Committee in its meetings held on 27th and 28th February, 2023 to examine the Demands for Grants-2023-24 was informed that as against a total projected outlay of Rs.4394.13 crores made by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to the Budget Division, Ministry of Finance for the Financial Year 2023-24, Ministry of Finance has approved an outlay of Rs.3397.32 crores in BE2023-24, which is about 77.31% of the projected outlay. In response to the Committee's query about reasons behind reduction in allocation at RE stage, the Department of Sports apprised the Committee during the Demands for Grants meeting that the Revised Estimates are decided by the Department of Expenditure in the Pre-Budget Meetings attended by the Secretary of the Department. The reduction is decided by the Department of Expenditure Ministry of Finance on the basis of the pace of expenditure, unspent balances and overall fiscal position of the Government.

2.1.5 The Committee observes that the major share of the total budgetary allocation in BE 2023-24 of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is for the Department of Sports, i.e.72.49%, whereas it is 27.51% for the Department of Youth Affairs.

2.1.6 The Committee appreciates the substantial enhancement in total allocation in the BE 2023-24 which is an increase of 22.08% over RE 2022-23 allocations.

2.1.7 The Committee, therefore, recommends that this increase in the funds should be adequately and judiciously utilized by the Department for the training of the Sportsperson participating in the Asian Games in Hangzhou in China, upcoming Paris Olympic Games and Para Olympics in 2024.

2.1.8 The Committee notes that since the focus the Government on sports and related activities through ‘Khelo India Programme’ is oriented for talent scouting in the rural areas and students so that they are encouraged and get a chance and be able to participate and represent the country in national and international competitions/events. Moreover, Sports Authority of India through its different branches is also encouraging and facilitating to capture and harness such young talents from far-flung, rural and potential areas of the country.

2.1.9 The Committee further notes that the budgetary components of ‘Khelo India Programme’ and Sports Authority of India constitutes significant amount of the total budget of the Department of Sports. As is evident from the fact that Khelo India Programme’ has been allocated Rs. 1000.00 crores and Sports Authority of India Rs. 785.52 crores at BE stage 2023-24 totaling to Rs. 1785.52 crores which is 72.50% of the total Budgetary allocation of Rs. 2462.59 crores for the Department of Sports.

2.1.10 The Committee is of the opinion that in order to have better implementation of the programmes/schemes of the Department of Sports with better administrative control and decision making over these issues, there is a need to have a separate Demand Head for itself. This way it can place its achievements in a better way before the Ministry of Finance for enhanced allocation of budget in future. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Department of Sports should pursue with the Ministry of Finance to create a separate Demand Head for it.

2.2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

2.2.1 A comparison of the B.E., R.E. allocation and Actual expenditure incurred by the Department of Sports for the last three years is given below:

TABLE- III

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

(Rs. in crores)

Financial Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure	percentage of actual over RE

2020-21	2100.42	1313.40	1304.12	99.29%
2021-22	1906.14	1993.00	1748.74	87.74%
2022-23	2254.00	1907.69	1384.61*	72.58%
2023-24	2462.59	-	-	

* As on 31st January, 2023

2.2.2 After examination of B.E. and R.E. allocations vis-à-vis Actual Expenditure for last three financial years i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 (up-to 31st January, 2023) of the Department of Sports, it is observed that the Department had utilized 99.29 and 87.74 percents of the allocated funds in the years 2020-21 and 2021-22. The utilization of funds in 2020-21 was 99.29% which has gone down to 87.74% in 2021-22. This year in 2022-23, the Department has been able to utilize 72.58% till 31.01.2023.

2.2.3 **The Committee highlights that the Department has utilized 72.58 per cent of RE allocation 2022-23 till 31st January, 2023. The Committee recommends that the Department should further strengthen its monitoring mechanism so that gainful and optimum utilization of funds is ensured.**

TABLE IV

SCHEME WISE PROJECTIONS, ALLOCATION, UTILIZATION AND VARIATIONS UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

(DEMAND NO 102)

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No	Scheme	2020-21				2021-22				2022-23			
		BE	RE	Exp. p.	% of exp. w.r.t.	BE	RE	Exp. p.	% of exp. w.r.t.	BE	RE	Exp. p.*	% of exp. w.r.t. RE

					RE				RE				
A	Development in Sports Institutions (An Umbrella Scheme)												
1.	Sports Authority of India	500.00	612.21	607.79	99.28%	660.41	599.00	579.43	96.73%	653.00	749.43	741.85	98.99%
2.	Laxmibai National Institute of physical Education	55.00	45.00	45.00	100.00%	55.00	52.00	52.00	100.00%	56.00	61.00	45.67	74.87%
3.	National Dope Testing Laboratory	2.50	13.47	13.47	100.00%	12.00	19.00	21.50	113.16%	13.00	16.20	12.80	79.01%
4.	National Anti-Doping Agency	12.50	9.00	7.88	87.56%	10.00	15.00	14.69	97.93%	17.00	17.00	13.79	81.12%
5.	National Centre of Sports Science and Research	75.00	6.00	4.69	78.17%	10.00	7.00	6.98	99.71%	7.00	7.00	4.75	67.86%

6.	National Centre for Sports Coaching	5.00	2.00	0.00	0.00%	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00%	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
7.	Sports University in North East	60.00	6.72	3.25	48.36%	51.72	66.00	65.49	99.22%	91.00	90.06	7.35	8.16%
8.	World Anti-Doping Agency	2.00	10.00	8.91	89.10%	2.50	3.00	3.10	103.40%	3.00	3.00	2.31	77.00%
Total - A		712.00	704.40	690.99	98.10%	803.63	763.00	743.19	97.40%	842.00	943.69	828.52	87.80%

B		Encouragement and Awards to Sportsperson (An Umbrella Scheme)											
1.	Special Cash Awards	38.00	16.00	15.99	99.94%	38.00	42.00	41.51	98.84%	40.00	40.00	37.37	93.43%
2.	Awards	2.00	7.50	7.25	96.67%	2.00	7.50	7.25	96.67%				
3.	Pension to Meritorious Sports person	30.00	14.00	13.22	94.43%	15.00	13.00	6.72	51.71%	15.00	15.00	0.07	0.47%
4.	Assistance to National	245.00	132.00	128.62	97.44%	280.00	181.00	112.07	61.92%	280.00	280.00	170.25	60.80%

	Sports Federation	0											
5.	Human Resource Development in Sports	5.00	1.00	0.45	45.00%	3.80	2.00	0.82	40.99%	4.00	4.00	0.31	7.75%
6.	National Sports Development Fund	50.00	7.23	7.23	100.00%	25.00	5.00	5.00	100.00%	16.00	16.00	0.00	0.00%
7.	National Sports Welfare Fund	2.00	2.00	2.00	100.00%	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00%	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00%
Total - B		372.00	179.73	174.76	97.23%	363.80	245.00	166.13	67.81%	357.00	357.00	208.00	58.26%
C	Khelo India: National Programme for Development of Sports (An Umbrella Scheme)												
1.	Khelo India	890.42	328.77	338.06	102.83%	657.71	869.00	764.29	87.95%	974.00	600.00	344.24	57.37%
2.	Commonwealth Games	75.00	75.00	75.00	100.00%	30.00	100.00	59.67	59.67%	30.00	1.00	0.00	0.00%
3.	Enhancement of Sports Facility in J&K	50.00	25.00	25.00	100.00%	50.00	15.00	15.00	100.00%	50.00	5.00	0.00	0.00%
4.	Himalayan Region	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%

	Sports Festival												
5.	Seminar, Committee etc.	1.00	0.50	0.31	62.00%	1.00	1.00	0.47	46.53%	1.00	1.00	3.85	385.00%
Total - C		1016.42	429.27	438.37	102.12%	738.71	985.00	839.43	85.22%	1055.00	607.00	348.09	57.35%
Grand Total		2100.42	1313.40	1304.12	99.29%	1906.14	1993.00	1748.74	87.74%	2254.00	1907.69	1384.61	72.58%
* as on 31.01.2023 as per e-lekha													

2.2.4 The Committee finds that utilization of funds under some of the schemes/agencies of the Department of Sports is up-to-the mark. For instance, in respect of Sports Authority of India, it is to the tune of 98.99%, under National Anti Doping Agency it is 81.12%, and Umbrella Scheme of Encouragement and Awards to Sportsperson, the Department has been able to utilize funds to the tune of 93.43%.

2.2.5 The Committee appreciates Rs 400 crores enhancement in the allocation under the 'Khelo India Programme' in BE 2023-24 as compared to RE 2022-23.

2.2.6 The Committee notes that during the financial year 2022-23, total BE allocation to the Department was Rs. 2254.00 crores, which was reduced to Rs 1907.69 crores at RE stage, out of which the Department has been able to utilize 72.58% of total allocated funds at RE Stage by 31st January, 2023.

2.2.7 The Committee recommends that the Department needs to prioritize the utilization of funds in flagship schemes such as Khelo India Programme and Sports University in North East Region and also remove the bottlenecks in utilization of funds so that maximum utilization of allocated funds can be ensured.

2.2.8 The Committee also recommends that strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance directions for even quarterly expenditure of funds should be followed.

2.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

2.3.1 A comparison of the B.E., R.E. allocation and Actual expenditure incurred by the Department for the last three years is given below at Table V:-

Financial Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure	% of actual over RE
2020-21	726.50	486.75	483.71	66.52%
2021-22	690.00	764.02	628.22	91.05%
2022-23	808.60	765.66	557.65*	69.76%

*As on 31.01.2023

TABLE-VI
SCHEME-WISE BUDGET ALLOCATION AND UTILISATION OF FUNDS IN RESPECT
OF DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS IN BE 2022-23 & BE 2023-24

S. No.	SCHEME	BE 2022-23	BE 2023-24	Actual as on 31.01.2023
A	Secretariat	38.10	43.23	29.52
B	Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram			
1	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangthan	325.00	401.50	325.00
2	National Youth Corps	75.00	75.00	63.44
3	NPYAD	22.00	22.00	9.05
4	International Co-operation	20.00	23.11	2.51
5	Youth Hostel	7.50	6.90	0.82
6	Scouting and Guiding	1.50	1.50	0.38
7	Young Leaders Programme	12.00	12.00	10.56
	Total – RYSK	463.00	542.01	411.76
C	National Service Scheme	283.50	325.00	51.28
D	RGNIYD	24.00	24.50	8.29

	Grand Total (A+B+C+D)	808.60	934.74	500.85
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TABLE-VII

Scheme-wise Projections, Allocation, Utilization and Variations under the administrative Control of the Department of Youth Affairs (Demand No. 102)

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Unit(s)/ Scheme(s)	Actuals 2021-22	BE 2022-23	RE 2022-23	Projections to MoF for BE 2023-24	BE 2023-24	Variations(in Percentage)		
						BE 2023-24 over RE 2022-23	BE2023-24 over Projections to MoF	BE 2023-24 over BE 2022-23
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
National Service Scheme	170.65	283.50	214.12	325.50	325.00	51.78%	-0.15%	14.64%
National Youth Corps	51.44	75.00	75.00	85.00	75.00	0.00%	-11.76%	0.00%
National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development	14.90	22.00	26.35	29.00	22.00	-16.51%	-24.14%	0.00%
International Co-operation	8.90	20.00	20.00	35.70	23.11	15.55%	-35.27%	15.55%
Youth Hostel	1.99	7.50	3.90	7.24	6.90	76.92%	-4.70%	-8.00%
Scouting and Guiding	0.38	1.50	0.75	1.50	1.50	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Young Leaders Programme	4.66	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Grand total	252.91	421.50	352.12	495.94	465.51	32.20%	-6.14%	10.44%

2.3.2 After examination of B.E. and R.E. allocations *vis-à-vis* Actual Expenditure for last three financial years *i.e.* 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 (up to 31st January, 2023) of the Department of Youth Affairs, it is observed that the department had utilized around 66.52% and 91.05% of the allocated funds in the years 2020-21 and 2021-22. The Committee also observes that the actual expenditure as on 31st January, 2023 in respect of Department of Youth Affairs in Table-V was Rs. 557.65 crores of the budget allocation as on 31st January, 2023. Thus, the Department of Youth Affairs could utilize 70% of the RE.

2.3.3 Similarly, Scheme-wise budget allocations for various Scheduled organization is given in Tables VI & VII on the previous pages.

2.3.4 The Committee notes that department had utilized around 66.52% and 91.05% of the allocated funds in the years 2020-21 and 2021-22. The Committee also observes that the actual expenditure as on 31st January, 2023 in respect of Department of Youth Affairs was 70% of the RE as on 31st January, 2023.

2.3.5 The Committee is of considered opinion that enhancement of financial allocation would indeed be meaningful if the Department of Youth Affairs ensures its funds utilization for specific purposes and priorities. The Committee hopes that the Department of Youth Affairs would be fully utilizing the funds allocated to the Department and be able to seek additional allocation of fund at RE stage on the basis of improved performance and fund utilization.

APPRAISAL OF THE SCHEMES/PROJECTS/AUTONOMOUS BODIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

3.1 SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA:

3.1.1 Sports Authority of India (SAI) was set up as a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 in pursuance of the Resolution No. 1-1/83/SAI dated 25th January, 1984 to carry forward the legacy of the IXth Asian Games held in New Delhi in 1982, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS). SAI has been entrusted with twin objectives of promoting sports and achieving sporting excellence at the National and International level.

3.1.2 Subsequently, in order to facilitate development of SAI as a robust sports promotion body, necessary knowledge and skills in the field of sports coaching and physical education were incorporated by amalgamating the erstwhile Society for National Institutes of Physical Education & Sports (SNIPES) consisting of Netaji Subhash National Institute for Sports (NSNIS), Patiala and its Centres along with two other educational institutes, namely,

Lakshmbai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE) located at Gwalior and Thiruvanantha puram, with SAI *w.e.f.* 1st May, 1987. The LNCPE, Gwalior was, however, delinked from SAI in September, 1995 on attaining the status of a “Deemed University”. Today, SAI stands out as an apex body for promotion of sports and sports excellence in the country.

3.1.3 The aims & objectives of SAI are to promote and broad-base sports in the country, identify/scout sports talent and nurture it, to implement schemes/programmes for achieving excellence in sports in different disciplines at international level in order to establish India as a major sporting power, to manage the Stadia in Delhi, to act as an interface between the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and respective State Governments, as well as other agencies responsible for promotion/development of sports in the country besides many more related activities.

3.1.4 There are 20 major Divisions/Institutions of SAI and their functional responsibilities are primarily to maintain the infrastructure, training of athletes, conducting various courses, sourcing sports equipments besides other related works.

3.1.5 **SPORTS PROMOTIONAL SCHEMES OF SAI:** The Operation Division of SAI deals with implementation of different Sports Promotional Schemes aimed at spotting and nurturing the talented sportspersons in various age groups for achieving excellence at the National/International level. These schemes are being implemented through SAI Regional Centres along with Academic Wings.

(i) **SAI NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (NCOE):** To maintain uniformity of the financial norms and to dispense with the differentiation between trainees in the same campus/premises at SAI Regional Centre/Academic Institutions/Stadia, all Schemes Operating in the same Campus/premises in SAI Regional Centre/Academic Institutions and Stadia were merged as SAI National Centre of Excellence (NCOE). As of now, there are 21 NCOEs operational across India in 14 priority and 10 other sports disciplines (NCOE Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium and Chandigarh has yet to start). In its endeavour to train athletes to achieve excellence in Olympics and other International Events, Sports Authority of India has established NCOEs across the country to impart specialized training to promising athletes by providing state of the art infrastructure and playing facilities, sports science backup, individualized diet prescribed by trained nutritionists and overall supervision under the best coaches, qualified support staff and High Performance Directors. The current approved sanctioned strength of athletes in the NCOEs is 4,077 for residential athletes and 500 for non-residential athletes. The working strength for the current year is 2641 trainees (1386 Boys & 1255 Girls).SAI has trained and qualified coaches including reputed and experienced coaches who together with scientific staff provides best training environment and evaluate and support the performance of young athletes.

(ii) **SAI TRAINING CENTRE SCHEME (STC) AND EXTENSION CENTRES:** In order to groom the junior level sports persons in the age group of 10-18 years, SAI Training Centres (STC) are established in a State and for this purpose, sports infrastructure

is provided by the respective State Governments. Further, the scheme of extension centers of STCs was started in 15 disciplines to cover schools and colleges for wider coverage, with a view to develop sports standard in schools and colleges having requisite basic sports infrastructure and which have shown good results in sports. Trainees in the age group of 10-18 years are selected under Non-Residential basis for regular training. SAI Regional Centres and Academic Institutions are the implementing agencies for its Sports Promotional Schemes and academic programmes across the country.

(iii) ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OF SAI:

- (a) Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala:** The National Institute of Sports was inaugurated on 7th May 1961 to herald an era of systematic and scientific sports coaching in the country. In the year 1973, the Institute was dedicated to the memory of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. After merger of SAI & SNIPES in 1987, the Institute became the Academic Wing of Sports Authority of India.
- (b) Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE), Thiruvananthapuram:** Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram came into existence on 17th August, 1985 under the auspices of the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. With the amalgamation of SNIPES with Sports Authority of India on 1st May, 1987, the College became a part of the academic wing of the Sports Authority of India at par with Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala and Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Gwalior. It was established on 50 acres of land taken over from University of Kerala, Karyavattom campus on the northern side of NH-47, 1 Km away from Karyavattom Junction, Thiruvananthapuram.

(iv) TRAINING OF ELITE ATHLETES AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT (TEAMS) / TARGET OLYMPIC PODIUM SCHEME (TOPS):

TEAMS (Training of Elite Athletes & Management Support) Division is entrusted with the responsibility of preparing National teams in different sports disciplines for various National & International Sports events in coordination with the National Sports Federations concerned, on behalf of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. In other words, it provides necessary facilities to elite sportspersons preparing for International Sports events like Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth games and World Cup and other International Competitions in India and Abroad.

TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) are a flagship programme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to provide assistance to India's top athletes. The Scheme looks to add a premium to the preparations of these athletes so that they can win medals in the Olympics. The Scheme currently supports 97 TOPS Core Group athletes across 15 sports disciplines and 181 TOPS Development Group athletes across 14 sports disciplines. It implements plans prepared by various National Sports Federations *vide* their Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) and approved by the Committee for the

preparation of National Teams for National and International Tournaments by providing the following facilities.

(v) **NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME:** The National Coaching Scheme is modified version of Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Scheme which caters to the objective of broad-basing sports throughout the country and provides scientific training to achieve excellence in sports. Under the Scheme, coaches are provided to the State Government/UT administration/University Field Station (UFS) for State Coaching Centre. The coaches are also utilized to impart training to young sports persons under different operational schemes of SAI. In addition to this, the coaches are also involved in the training of national teams and assisting the Academic Wing in conducting Diploma/Masters Courses in coaching in different sports disciplines. The SAI Coaches are involved in the talent scouting process through which talented sports persons are spotted and inducted into various SAI sports promotional schemes i.e. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), Special Area Games (SAG), Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) and SAI Training Centres (STC).

(vi) **SAI STADIA:** The Stadia Division is responsible for formulating policy guidelines for utilization of five SAI Stadia in Delhi, having different facilities created with the twin objectives of broad-basing sports and to achieve excellence in sports. To optimize utilization of sporting facilities and to promote sporting culture, the scheme of ‘Come & Play’ was launched in May, 2011. Further, the sports infrastructure at SAI Stadia in Delhi has been made accessible without fee, to all sportspersons across the country from 1st November 2019. National and State Sports Federations, leagues and clubs will be allowed/encouraged to organize sports events in all sporting facilities owned by the Government, free of cost.

(vii) **SPORTS MEDICINE CENTRE AT SAI HEAD OFFICE:** Sports Medicine and Sports Sciences Centre at J.N. Stadium, New Delhi was established under the Plan Scheme of SAI in 1984. It aims to provide comprehensive sports medicine and sports science backup to sportspersons with the help of specialists in Sports Medicine, Sports Scientists, Physiotherapists, Masseurs and other support staff. The centre is a leading provider of comprehensive sports-based programs to treat and prevent injury, aid recovery and enhance performance through different scientific tests. To provide the best possible medical support to national athletes, specialists from Departments of Orthopedics, Ophthalmology, Surgery and Medicine are visiting this Centre from the leading hospitals of Delhi. SAI has also roped in Medical Institutions running Masters in Sports Physiotherapy Courses wherein Interns are being posted for their clinical duties at SAI.

(viii) **HUMAN PERFORMANCE LAB (HPL):** Human Performance Lab at SAI Delhi aims to provide comprehensive sports science back-up to sportspersons with the help of sports scientists and other support staff in Sports Science *viz.*, Anthropometry, Nutrition, Physiology and Psychology. It also aims for a coordination work with coaches to develop ways to attain and maximize performance of athletes using scientific expertise, latest research findings and different scientific tests. Elite players from National Camps, Young Sports Persons from National Sports Academies, Centre of Excellence and Sports Persons

from other SAI Sports Promotional Schemes are beneficiaries who receive regular support from this Centre.

TABLE VIII
Allocation /utilization of budget by SAI in the last three years

(In Rs. crores)

Organization/Institution/Bodies-wise Projections, Allocations, Utilization and variations under the administrative control of the Department of Sports (Department of Sports) (Demand No. 102)								
Name of the Organisation/ Institution	Actuals 2021-22	BE 2022-23	RE 2022-23	Projections to MoF for BE 2023-24	BE 2023-24	Variations (in Percentage)		
						BE 2023-24 over RE 2022-23	BE 2023-24 over Projections to MoF	BE 2023-24 over BE 2022-23
1	2	3	4	5	6	7=(6-4)/4	8=(6-5)/5	9=(6-3)/3
Sports Authority of India	579.43	653.00	749.43	1036.50	785.52	4.82%	-24.21%	20.29%

3.1.6 The Committee finds that Rs. 653.00 crores were allocated at BE stage 2022-23 for “Sports Authority of India” which was enhanced to Rs. 749.43 crores at RE 2022-23. This allocation was further increased at BE Stage 2023-24 to Rs. 785.52 crores which is an increase of 20.29 per cent over the BE allocation of 2022-23.

3.1.7 In response to the Committee's query about the reasons and justifications for enhanced allocation at RE 2022-23 and BE 2023-24 and the manner in which Department proposes to utilize the higher allocation of Funds allocated to Sports Authority of India (SAI), the committee was informed by the Department that the enhanced allocations in RE 2022-23 and BE 2023-24 were due to increase in the projected demand from SAI on the basis of inputs from various Regional Centres of SAI. The higher budgetary allocation of funds to SAI was proposed on the basis of the following:

- (i) to meet enhanced activities under their various promotional schemes and establishment expenses;
- (ii) higher projected demand from SAI on the basis of inputs from various Regional Centres from SAI; and
- (iii) higher utilization of funds in the previous financial years.

3.1.8. During the Demands for Grants meeting held on 27th February, 2023 the Committee desired to know the details of the fund utilization under the Head “Sports Authority of India” in the last five years. In response thereto, the Department has submitted fund utilization figures by Sports Authority of India (SAI) as under at TABLE:

TABLE IX

Fund utilization under the Head “Sports Authority of India”

(In Rs. crores)

Financial Year	BE	RE	Released	Actuals
2018-19	429.56	395.00	395.00	677.88
2019-20	450.00	615.00	615.00	653.07
2020-21	500.00	612.21	612.21	600.84
2021-22	660.41	599.00	617.88	698.92
2022-23	653.00	749.43	733.75	620.90*

* As on 31.12.2022

3.1.9 The Committee appreciates that SAI has been able to utilize the allocated funds, which is indicative of the fact that the monitoring and review mechanism has been successful. The Committee hopes that the efforts of the SAI would yield great laurels for the country and bring up world class facilities and amenities for the aspiring sportspersons from every nook and corner of the country by keeping consistency of timely implementation of programmes/schemes. The Committee hopes that the Department would maintain the same level of performance in its various programmes/schemes and even aim to further improve the fund utilization in the current fiscal.

3.2 KHELO INDIA SCHEME

3.2.1 A Central Sector Scheme, namely, Khelo India National Program for Development of Sports having 3 major components namely Competitions, Talent Search and Creation of Sports Infrastructure, was launched during 2016-17, which was further revised in the year 2017-18 for strengthening of the domestic competition structure by way of national school games and national level university games, community coaching, playfield preservation and promotion, talent identification and long term athlete development programme, infrastructure development including hubs of excellence in universities, national physical fitness programmes for maintaining fitness level of school going children, protection of indigenous/ tribal/ rural games, etc. The revamped Khelo India Programme has been launched with the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports. Various programmes have been launched under the following verticals to realize the objective of broad basing and promoting the culture of sports across the country.

- 3.2.2 The major physical achievements under Khelo India Scheme in last 3 years are as follows:
- i. During last three years and the current years, a total of 147 new sports infrastructure projects were approved at a total sanctioned cost of Rs.1870.74 crores out of this Rs.837.14 crores have been released to the grantees
 - ii. 2nd edition of Games, i.e. 'Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG), 2019' conducted in Pune from 9th January to 20th January, 2019 with participation of 5925 athletes.
 - iii. 3rd Edition of games, i.e., 'Khelo India Youth Games, 2020' conducted in Guwahati from 10th January to 22nd January, 2020 with participation of 6130 athletes.
 - iv. 4th edition of games, i.e., 'Khelo India Youth Games, 2021' conducted in Panchkula from 4th June to 13th June, 2022 with participation of 4453 athletes.
 - v. 5th edition of games, i.e., 'Khelo India Youth Games, 2022' conducted in Bhopal from 30th January to 11th February, 2023 with participation of more than 4000 athletes
 - vi. 1st edition of Games i.e. 'Khelo India University Games (KIUG), 2020' conducted in Bhubaneswar from 22nd February to 1st March 2020 with participation of 3182 athletes.
 - vii. 2nd edition of Games i.e. 'Khelo India University Games (KIUG), 2021' conducted in Bengaluru from 23rd April to 3rd May 2022 with participation of 3894 athletes.
 - viii. 1st edition of Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2020 conducted in Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in February – March 2020 with participation of 1887 athletes.
 - ix. 2nd edition of Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2021 conducted in Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in January – February 2021 with participation of more than 4000 athletes.
 - x. 3rd edition of Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2022 conducted in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in February 2023 with participation of more than 2000 athletes.
 - xi. batches conducted for training of 291 PETs, coaches and grounds men of Jammu & Kashmir during Feb-March 2020.
 - xii. batches of online training programme for PETs and Community Coaches conducted; participation of 11500 candidates during lockdown (June-Nov, 2020).
 - xiii. Till date, a total of 733 Khelo India Centres (KICs) have been notified in 30 States/UTs.
 - xiv. 30 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) notified in 29 States/UTs.
 - xv. 2695 sporting talents across 21 sports disciplines (including Para sports) have been notified after being finally selected from various national championships, open selection trials, and assessment camps from Khelo India School Games (KISG) & KIYG.
 - xvi. A total of 266 Academies (192 Non-SAI and 74 NCOE & SAI) accredited for training of athletes identified under the Khelo India.
 - xvii. 2, 18,139 schools registered in the Fit India app and fitness assessment of 23,33,714 students were completed out of the total 70,13,614 student profile created.
 - xviii. 3,51,686 assessors were registered. 82,338 trainers were trained through online mode.

- xix. A total no. of 307 Training of Trainer programs (TOTs) had been conducted and web-based online module has been developed for automated online TOT.
- xx. Rs.4.19 crores in 2019-20 provided for conducting sporting activities in 08 States/UTs under “Sports for Peace and Development”.
- xxi. Rs.5.21 crores to Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka and Thang-Ta Federation of India for conducting competitions for rural/indigenous/tribal games.
- xxii. Khelo India Women’s Hockey League U-21 (2021-22), successfully conducted in 03 phases. Rs.47,80,000/- total financial sanction to conduct the league.

TABLE X

Budget allocation and utilization under Khelo India Scheme during the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 and 2022-23

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure	% Utilisation in respect of RE.
2019-20	500.00	578.00	575.52	99.57
2020-21	338.93	338.93	338.93	100.00
2021-22	657.71	869.00	801.61	92.24
2022-23	974.00	599.75	361.01(<i>as on 31.1.23</i>)	60.19

3.2.3 The Committee notes that under the Head “Khelo India programme”, the utilization of budgetary allocation has been satisfactory as utilization of funds has been 99.57 % during 2019-20, cent per cent during 2020-21 and 92.24 % during 2021-22 as against Revised Estimates expenditure of respective years.

3.2.4 The Committee takes note of the fact that Rs.974.00 crores were allocated under the Head “Khelo India programme” which were reduced to Rs. 600 crores at RE stage 2022-23. This year in B.E. 2023-24 allocation has been increased to Rs. 1000 crores. In response to the Committee's query, about the reason behind increase in the budget to the tune of Rs. 400 crores this year over RE 2022-23 allocation and other new activities likely to be covered with additional allocation of Rs. 400 crores, the Department informed that the increase in allocation of funds under BE 2023-24 as compared to RE 2022-23 was due to fund allocation for two big projects, viz. Construction of sports complex at Naranpura in Ahmedabad, Gujarat and Development & modernization of Sigra Stadium in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, sanctioned by this Ministry at a cost of Rs. 583.99 crores and Rs. 315.48 crores respectively. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 312.08 crores has been released till date and the subsequent installments are envisaged to be released in 2023-24.

3.2.5 The Committee observes that Khelo India is one of the most important schemes for promotion of sports in the country and efforts should be made to widen its horizon

as far as possible. The Committee takes note of the fact that the novel initiative like development and modernization of Srigra stadium in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh and construction of sports complex in Naranpura Ahmedabad, Gujarat has led to greater allocation and utilization. The Committee also recommends that the timeline for the proposed development and modernization of Srigra stadium, Varanasi and construction of sports complex in Naranpura, Ahmedabad should be adhered to. The Committee would like to be apprised of the progress of above mentioned two projects.

3.3 NATIONAL SPORTS UNIVERSITY, MANIPUR

3.3.1 The National Sports University (NSU) was established in 2017 under the Manipur Societies Registration Act, 1989. It started functioning in a temporary campus at KhumanLampak Sports Complex, Imphal in 2018 with two undergraduate programmes, namely Bachelor of Physical Education and Sports & Bachelor of Science in Sports Coaching. On 17th August, 2018 NSU was enacted by an Act of Parliament and the University is the first of its kind in India. The University has completed four successful years.

3.3.2 Some of the major objectives of the National Sports University are to evolve it as an institute of advanced study in the field of physical education and sports sciences and provide for research and development and dissemination of knowledge in physical education and sports sciences by providing specially designed academic and training programmes in various areas of physical education and sports sciences and training in advanced technologies of sports.

3.3.3 The Committee was informed that at present, the University was running two undergraduate programmes and three post graduate programmes with three Departments namely, (i) Physical Education and Sports, (ii) Sports Coaching and (iii) Sports Psychology. It was also informed that the University has also proposed for four schools namely, (i) School of Sports Science and Sports Medicine, (ii) School of Sports Management and Technology, (iii) School of Sports Education and Training and, (iv) School of Interdisciplinary Studies within which there will be 13 different Departments. The University has a total of 273 enrolments of students as on 28th December, 2022 with adequate number of teachers.

3.3.4 As regards, infrastructure Facilities it was informed that the University is presently functional from its temporary campus at KhumanLampak Sports Complex, Imphal. It is co-educational and fully residential. The Government of Manipur made available space in the KhumanLampak Sports Complex, Imphal. This included three hostels building, two for boys having 50 rooms each in one hostel for girls having 35 rooms, Academic and Administrative block buildings. Besides these, various other well-equipped facilities of the KhumanLampak Sports Complex are also accessed for sports activities and classes.

3.3.5 In response to the Committee's query about progress in construction of the New Campus of the National Sports University, the following information was furnished by the Department:

- i. NBCC (India) Ltd. has been engaged as the Project Management Consultant (PMC) for setting up the National Sports University *vide* Moue dated 25th Sept. 2019 between MYAS and NBCC.
- ii. Ministry of Finance approved the recommendations of Public Investment Board

(PIB) for setting up of National Sports University at a total financial outlay of Rs.906.47 crores in a period of 3 years which was later revised to Rs. 643.34 crores, with construction component of Rs. 611.74 crores. NBCC awarded the construction work on 16th June, 2022 with a completion schedule of 30 months from start of the actual construction which includes administrative, academic, sports labs, residences, open fields including external development are under progress.

- iii. Construction of the new campus of the University has started on a land measuring 325.90 acres provided by the State Government on a foothill near Koutruk-Senjam Khunou village, (Imphal) West District of which is nearly 20 km away from the Imphal city.
- iv. As part of pre-investment activities site development, retaining wall, site office, soil testing etc. has been completed. NBCC, the Project Management Consultant have finalized the revised layout of the new campus. Works relating to land development, retaining wall and construction of temporary barracks for security personnel have been completed. Constructions of hostels, administrative building, academic building, faculty residences and multipurpose sports hall are under progress.

3.3.6 With regard to the Grant-in-Aid provided to the National Sports University, Manipur it was informed that the University is fully funded by the Grants-in-Aid from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India. The Allocation of Grants during the year 2022-23 at BE stage is Rs. 91.00 crores out of which Rs. 78.00 crores is for GIA- Creation of Capital Assets.

TABLE XI

The budget allocation (BE & RE) for the FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 is as under:

(Rs in crores)

Name of Scheme/ AB	BE 2022-23	RE 2022-23	Actuals 2022-23 (up-to 31.01.2023)	BE 2023-24
Sports University in North East	91.00	90.06	7.35	107.84

3.3.7 The Committee notes the initiative of starting the National Sports University in Manipur that was established in 2017 under Manipur Societies Registration Act, 1989, which has now come to be established as National Sports University on 17th August, 2018 by the Act of Parliament. The University that is coming up is one of its kind in the country and at present has started functioning with four academic Departments namely School of Sports Science & Sports Medicine, School of Sports Management & Technology, School of Sports Education & Training and School of Interdisciplinary Studies. The Committee appreciates the enhancement in the allocation in BE 2023-24 (Rs. 107.84 crores) as compared to RE 2022-23 (Rs. 90.06 crores), the Committee also

recommends that the progress of work should be closely monitored for duly completion of the NSU.

3.4. PENSION TO MERITORIOUS SPORTS PERSONS

3.4.1 Under this scheme launched in the year 1994, those sportspersons, who are Indian citizens and have won gold, silver and bronze medals in Olympic Games, World Cup/World Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Paralympic games, and who have attained the age of 30 years, and have retired from an active sports career are eligible for life pension. The present rates of pension are from Rs.12,000/- to Rs.20,000/- per month. The pension payments are made through Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India, for which Ministry purchases annuities for individual pensioners by making one time lump sum payment to LIC. Budgetary allocation of Rs. 15.00 crores has been made for the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons during 2022-23.

TABLE XII

S. No.	Category of meritorious sportspersons	Rate of Pension (Rs./per month)
1	Medalists at the Olympic Games / Para Olympic Games	20,000
2	Gold medalists at the World Cup/World Championship in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	16,000
3	Silver and Bronze medalists at the World Cup/World Championship in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	14,000
4	Gold medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games/Para Asian Games	14,000
5	Silver and Bronze medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games/ Para Asian Games	12,000

3.4.2 PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAY NATIONAL WELFARE FUND FOR SPORTSPERSONS (PDUNWFS)

3.4.2.(i) This welfare fund was set up in March, 1982 with a view to assisting outstanding sportspersons of the past, who had brought glory to the country in sports but living in indigent circumstances. The scheme was reviewed and revised in July, 2009. The scheme of the National Welfare Fund of Sportspersons has been revised in May, 2016.

3.4.2.(ii) The Department informed the Committee that the scope of the Scheme has also been expanded to include more sportspersons for being considered for financial assistance

from the Fund. The scheme has been renamed Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons on 22nd September, 2017. The scheme was again reviewed and revised on 29th January, 2019 incorporating the timelines for processing the application received in a time-bound manner in the Ministry. The quantum of assistance from the Fund has also been substantially enhanced. The scheme was further reviewed and revised on 15th May, 2020. The amount of annual income for being eligible for getting financial assistance from the Fund has been raised to Rs. 8 lakhs from all sources.

3.4.3 The Committee appreciates the financial assistance and pension being provided to former meritorious sportspersons and medal winners. The Committee, however, feels that the Ministry being the nodal agency for these sportspersons, it should provide pension to all the former meritorious sportspersons, forming a criteria, as seeking pension may seem against the self-respect and dignity of most of the Sportspersons.

3.4.4 The Committee notes that as these sportspersons have a short sporting career, they would need far more handholding to secure their future financially. In this regard, the Ministry may consider conducting financial literacy seminars/classes/webinars for sportspersons wherein they are taught how to save and invest their winnings for their financial security.

APPRAISAL OF THE SCHEMES/PROJECTS/AUTONOMOUS BODIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS

4.1 RASHTRIYA YUVA SASHAKTIKARAN KARYAKRAM (RYSK) : This is an umbrella Scheme with the following components/sub-schemes, namely, (i) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, (ii) National Youth Corps, (iii) National Young Leaders Programme, (iv) National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development, (v) International Cooperation, (vi) Youth Hostels, (vii) National Discipline Scheme and (viii) Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organizations.

4.1.2 On the basis of emphasis given by the Committee on EWCY&S (the then HRD) for the need for merger/consolidation of Schemes and also on the advice of the Ministry of Finance to restructure the Schemes into a few compact Schemes for better synergy and more effective utilisation of resources, the Department of Youth Affairs has re-structured/consolidated all the Schemes implemented by the Department, into 3 Schemes, with effect from 1st April, 2016 as under:

TABLE XIII

Sl. No.	Names of Schemes (Before Restructuring)	Names of Schemes (After Restructuring)
1	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)	<p align="center">Merged into a new 'umbrella' Scheme called “Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram(RYSK)”</p>
2	National Youth Corps (NYC)	
3	National Programme for Youth & Adolescent Development (NPYAD)	
4	International Cooperation	
5	Youth Hostels (YH)	
6	Assistance to Scouting & Guiding Organisations	
7	National Discipline Scheme (NDS)	
8	National Young Leaders Programme	
9	National Service Scheme (NSS)	National Service Scheme (NSS)
10	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development

4.1.3 In response to the Committee's query about trend of fund utilization under Rashtriya Yuva Shashaktikaran Karyakaram in the last three years, the Department furnished the details as per the following table :-

TABLE XIV

Financial Targets set and Achievements made under RYSK

(Rs. in crores)

S · N o	Scheme	2018-19			2019-20			2020-21			2021-22			2022-23		
		B E	R E	Ex p.	B E	RE	Ex p.	B E	R E	Ex p.	B E	R E	E x p	B E	R E	Ex p.*
B	Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)															
1	NYKS	255.00	287.40	287.40	256.92	363.18	363.18	300.00	267.75	267.75	326.50	365.00	318.12	325.00	356.44	325.00
2	NYC	80.00	47.60	35.37	80.00	75.00	75.00	90.00	60.00	57.55	75.00	57.50	51.45	75.00	75.00	63.44
3	NPYAD	25.00	25.00	21.90	21.00	21.00	20.28	23.00	20.00	12.79	21.00	24.00	14.90	22.00	26.35	9.08
4	International Co-operation	20.00	20.00	15.15	21.00	21.00	19.21	30.00	6.92	6.39	14.00	14.00	8.90	20.00	20.00	2.75
5	Youth Hostel	1.70	1.70	1.57	2.50	22.50	1.27	20.00	3.00	1.89	6.00	4.00	1.99	7.50	3.90	0.82
6	Scouting and Guiding	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.75	1.50	0.75	0.00	1.50	1.50	0.38	1.50	0.75	0.38
7	Young Leaders Program	20.00	20.00	9.88	12.00	27.95	10.61	22.00	4.35	2.70	14.00	8.00	4.66	12.00	12.00	10.56
8	National Discipline Scheme	5.00	5.00	3.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total - B		408.20	4020	3765	3992	532.13	490.30	4850	367	347	450	4700	4004	4600	4944	412.03

* as on 03.02.2023 as per e-lekha

4.1.4 The Committee takes note of the fact that a number of schemes have been brought under the umbrella scheme of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram. The Committee finds that fund utilisation under RYSK in the last year is satisfactory. RYSK was allocated Rs. 463.00 crores at BE 2022-23 which were increased to Rs. 494.44 crores at RE 2022-23. The actual utilisation of funds till 31st January, 2023 has been Rs. 412.03 crores which is 83.33 % of the utilisation at RE stage.

4.1.5 The Committee, recommends that the Ministry through Department should evolve a strong monitoring mechanism for the gainful utilization of funds for seven-sub schemes of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram.

4.2 NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN (NYKS)

4.2.1 Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), launched in 1972, is one of the largest youth organizations in the world. NYKS has presence in 623 districts of the country through Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs). The objective of the Programme is *to develop the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation-building activities.*

4.2.2 The areas of focus of the NYKS activities include literacy and education, health and family welfare, sanitation and cleanliness, environment conservation, awareness on social issues, women empowerment, rural development, skill development and self-employment, entrepreneurship development, civic education, disaster relief and rehabilitation, etc. The youth associated with Nehru Yuva Kendras are not only socially aware and motivated, but are also inclined towards social development work through voluntary efforts. Some of the key schemes/programmes of NYKS are Youth Club Development Programme, COVID 19-Interventions, Training on Clean Village-Green Village, Promotion of Sports, Education in Basic Vocations, District Level Promotion of Art and Culture, Observance of Days of National and International Importance, District Youth Convention, Awards to Outstanding Youth Clubs and Celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi-Mahatma Gandhi Yuva Swachhta Abhiyan Evam Shramdaan Karyakaram.

4.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN

4.3.1 In Response to the Committee's query regarding pattern of fund utilization by NYKS in the last three years, the following information was furnished by the Department:-

Table XV
Information regarding pattern of utilization of funds under NYKS Scheme
(Rs. in crores)

YEAR	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURE
2019-20	363.18	356.72
2020-21	267.75	301.50
2021-22*	365.00	318.12
2022-23	356.44	325.00 (as on 31.01.2023)

*Expenditure reported for FY 2021-22 is provisional and unaudited.

4.3.2 "Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan" (NYKS) was allocated Rs.325.00 crores in BE 2022-23 which was enhanced to 356.44 crores in RE (2022-23). The Department has been able to utilize Rs 325.00 crores till 31st January, 2023 which is 91.18% of RE 2022-23 allocation. This year at BE 2023-24 allocation for NYKS is Rs 401.49 crores.

4.3.3 When the Committee desired to know the reasons behind increase/variation in allocation and the impact of this variation on the programme/activities of NYKS, it was informed by the Department that NYKS had submitted demand for additional allocation Rs 90.85 crores at the RE stage of FY 2022-23; against which additional allocation of Rs 31.44 crores is made under NYKS scheme. The additional allocation made primarily will be utilized to meet the salary and establishment expenditure requirement of NYKS, which will result in smooth operations of offices of NYKS and better conduct of programme and activities to be conducted by NYKS as per the annual action plan for FY 2022-23.

4.3.4 Similarly, NYKS submitted demand of Rs 559.87 crores for FY 2023-24 at RE stage of FY 2022-23. However, allocation of Rs 401.49 crores have been made with the additional allocation of Rs 45.05 crores over allocation of the scheme at RE of FY 2022-23, the variation made will result in smooth operations and better and more impactful outcome from the programmes conducted under the scheme.

4.3.5 The Committee observes that activities conducted by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan not only motivate youth but are also socially relevant. The Committee observes that the utilization of funds under this scheme is about 87% to 98 % of the amount allocated at RE stage. The Committee also suggests that considering the fact

the time is changing and new Digital era has emerged, a new body needs to be formed to cater to the aspirations of digitally governed Young India.

4.4 NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

4.4.1 National Service Scheme (NSS) was introduced in 1969 with the primary objective of developing the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service. 'Education through Service' is the purpose of the NSS. The ideological orientation of the NSS is inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. Very appropriately, the motto of NSS is "**NOT ME, BUT YOU**". An NSS volunteer places the 'community' before 'self'. The scheme aims at developing competencies among youth volunteers relating to community service. The activities under the scheme instill the relevance of social service, develop a sense of involvement in tasks of community development. The scheme is also tasked to improve the qualitative changes in the attitudinal orientations of youth of our country bringing maximum ideational returns to the National Integration, social service and effective leadership through an array of activities.

4.4.2 The NSS caters through the academic institutions voluntarily with a view to develop healthy contacts between the students and teachers on the one hand and establishing constructive linkages between the campus and the community on the other hand. Thus, NSS attempts to establish meaningful linkages between 'Campus and Community', 'College and Village' and 'Knowledge and Action'.

4.4.3 The Committee desired to know as to what extent NSS has been able to achieve its objective to arouse social conscience of the students and to provide them opportunity to develop their personality by doing social work and community service. In response thereto, the Department replied that the main objective of NSS is to develop the personality of the students by involving them in community service. NSS has been able to fully achieve its objective since its inception.

4.4.4 It was further informed by the Department of Youth Affairs that the NSS volunteers are required to undertake different community development activities such as (i) literacy and education, (ii) health, family welfare and nutrition, (iii) environment conservation, (iv) social service programmes, (v) programmes for empowerment of women, (vi) programmes connected with economic development activities, (vii) rescue and relief during calamities, awareness on the government's public welfare schemes which raised the level of social conscience of the volunteers during his/her two year volunteership period. Apart from Regular Activities, these volunteers are also required to attend one Special Camp of seven days' duration, which is conducted in the adopted village/slum of the respective NSS unit. This special camp is a residential camp.

4.4.5 Other community development activities undertaken by the NSS volunteers are organization of National Integration Camps (NIC), National Adventure Programmes, Pre-Republic Day Parade Camps and Republic Day Parade Camps which has to enhance their communication skills, leadership quality, group living and promote the spirit of patriotism and nationalism. Various activities organized during these programmes give ample opportunities to these young volunteers to showcase their talent in the field of academic, culture, creative writings etc. These volunteer become the manager of change in the community and spread the message of brotherhood, peace and peaceful co-existence.

4.4.6 In response to the Committee's query about physical targets and achievements of NSS Scheme in last three years, the following information was submitted by the Department of Youth Affairs:

TABLE -XVI

Physical Targets & Achievements of NSS for the last 3 years

Physical Targets & Achievements

S. No	Component	Unit of Measurement	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
			Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1	Coverage of NSS							
	No. of Universities	Number		479		479		657
	No. of +2 Councils	Number		51		51		51
	No. of Colleges/ Technical Institutions	Number		17676		17676		20669
	No of Senior Secondary Schools	Number		12087		12087		11988

	No. of NSS Volunteers	Number	3600000	3954183	3600000	3660589	3900000	3824048
2	Training of NSS Programme Officers	No. of Programme Officers		972				1484
3	Adoption of Villages/ Slums by NSS Units	No. of Villages/ Slums		28775	16000	27775	16000	31290
4	NSS Special Camps	No. of Camps		4573	16000	4682	16000	7986
5	Plantation of Saplings	No. of Saplings		2589052	-	2052053	-	2048115
6	Blood Donation	No. of Units		132067	-	75524	-	120634
7	Pulse Polio Immunisation	No. of Children immunised		891887	-	21691	-	11092
8	Adventure Activities	No. of Volunteers		0		0	-	1260
9	Health/ Eye/ Immunisation Camps	No. of Camps		2517	-	16618	-	5921
		No. of Volunteers		141428	-	585923	-	297728
10	Awareness Programmes/ Rallies/ Campaigns	No. of Programmes		235596	-	93419	-	78056
		No. of Volunteers		8185059	-	3759633	-	4451552
11	Shramadaan	No. of Volunteers-Hours		3230273	-	3636737	-	28000000

12	North East NSS Festivals	No. of Festivals		0		0		0
		No. of Volunteers		0		0		0
13	National Integration Camps	No. of Camps	15	1	15	3	15	15
		No. of Volunteers	3000	200	3000	600	3000	3000
14	Self Defence Training to NSS Volunteers	No. of Volunteers		125079	-	11208	-	22439
15	Participation in International Day of Yoga	No. of Volunteers		1750927	-	2459882	-	2755928
16	Participation of NSS Contingent in Republic Day Parade		200	200	200	147	200	198
17	NSS Awards (National level)	No. of Awards conferred	42	42	42	Yet to be conferred	42	Yet to be conferred
18	Participation in National Youth Festival	No. of Volunteers	-	133748	-	1397134	-	1000

Note: In some of the components as indicated above, it is not possible to set any pre-fixed target.

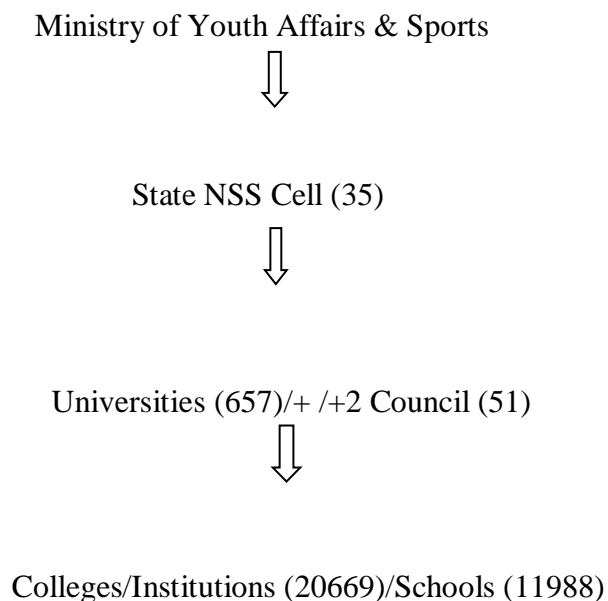
4.5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE

4.5.1 The Committee desired to know the reason behind enhanced allocation to National Social Service Scheme at Budgetary Estimate 2023-24 of Rs.41.00 crores despite reduction of budgetary allocation at Revised Estimate Stage 2022-23. In response thereto, the

following reasons for less expenditure against RE 2022-23 were furnished by the Department of Youth Affairs:-

(a) As per the guidelines dated 9th March, 2022 issued by the Department of Expenditure, MoF, all eligible Central Sector Schemes will be covered under the revised procedure for Flow of Funds *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2022. This is a mandatory requirement for release of funds to any implementing agency under the Central Sector Schemes. There are two Models prescribed under the guidelines of Ministry of Finance. **Model-1** is implementation through Treasury Single Account (TSA) for those schemes having annual outlay of Rupees more than 500 crores and implemented without involvement of State Agencies. **Model-2** is implementation through Scheduled Commercial Banks for those Central Sector Schemes having annual outlay of Rupees less than 500 crores or where the schemes are being implemented by the State Government Agencies.

(b) It is submitted that as the annual budget outlay of National Service Scheme (NSS) is of Rs.283.50 Cr. under BE 2022-23 which is less than Rs. 500 crores, therefore, the NSS Scheme comes under the **Model-2**. The flow of NSS Grant to the State/UT is as follows:-



(c) Further, the Ministry of Finance had informed vide its O.M. dated 16.8.2022 that as per the para 8 of DoE's guidelines dated 9th March, 2022, MoYAS may notify each State NSS Cell as CNA provided that such State NSS Cells are State Government Agencies. As a result, multiple State level CNAs may be opened under the NSS Scheme.

(d) In reference to the Ministry of Finance O.M dated 16.08.2022, the Department of Youth Affairs has informed that the concerned State NSS Cell may be designated as a CNA and has got the approval for opening of 35 CNA under the National Service Scheme. Accordingly, the Department has decided that the responsibility for opening of Central Nodal Accounts in all 35 State/UT NSS Cells may be assigned to the State Bank of India.

Simultaneously, the matter was taken up with the PFMS to mark the National Service Scheme as a CNA under Model-2 as per Ministry of Finance's O.M. dated 09.03.2022.

(e) As per the details mentioned above, the Department has to open more than 30000 physical accounts at unit levels i.e. Universities/+2 Councils/Colleges/Institutions/Schools and their mapping thereto on the PFMS for implementation of National Service Scheme at ground level. In this regard, the Department is continuously conducting the meetings with Secretaries of Youth Affairs of State/UT Governments, Officers/Officials of State Bank of India, Officers/Officials of PFMS, all the State NSS Officers and all the Regional Directorate of NSS to resolve the issues for opening of Central Nodal Accounts, Zero Balance Subsidiary Accounts and their mapping on the PFMS through various virtual/physical meetings under the Secretary (Youth Affairs) and other Senior Officers of the Ministry. As a result, the Ministry has been able to open more than 19000 accounts out of 30000 accounts and more than 10000 accounts have been mapped on the PFMS as on 28.02.2023. This exercise for opening of accounts and mapping thereto on the PFMS will be completed soon.

(f) *Further, it is pertinent to mention here that earlier the NSS Grant was released to the States/UTs in two installments only i.e. 75% as 1st installment and remaining 25% as 2nd installment. The Ministry of Finance's O.M. dated 09.03.2022 stated that the Ministry/Department shall release the funds as far as possible in 'Just-In-Time' manner keeping the float in CNAs account to the minimum possible and shall in no case release more than 25% of the amount earmarked for the scheme in a financial year at a time. Additional funds (not more than 25% at a time) will be released only upon utilization of at least 75% of the funds released earlier and in compliance with the conditions of previous sanction.*

(g) *For administrative convenience and efficiency, the Programme Division may obtain approval of the competent authority and concurrence of the Financial Advisor for more than 25% at a time. But release of funds shall not exceed 25% in on installment.*

As per the situation mentioned above, the expenditure of National Service Scheme for the financial year 2022-23 is less. All efforts are being taken by the Department in consultation with State/UT Governments to resolve the issue and release the NSS Grant to the States/UTs in the CFY 2022-23 to meet the maximum target.

4.5.2 The Committee takes note of the fact that the National Service Scheme is being implemented through State agencies and other agencies. The Committee also takes note of the fact that switching over to Treasury Single Account (TSA) system during the last year has caused a delay in the opening and mapping of 11,000 accounts out of 30,000 accounts. The Committee observes that NSS scheme is an important scheme involving the Youth in the colleges. The State Bank of India/RBI which is involved in the opening-up of the accounts for the volunteers enrolled in this scheme should be advised to expedite the opening of these accounts and also disburse the amount at the same time in due coordination with states and such agencies.

5.1 VACANT POSITIONS

5.1.1 In response to the Committee's query about the sanctioned strength of the workforce *vis-à-vis* actual workforce along a list of vacant positions in the Department and subsidiary organizations and bodies, the following information was furnished by the Department of Sports.

TABLE-XVII

Vacant Position in the Department of Sports

Name	Sanctioned Strength	Present Strength	Vacancy
SAI (Coaching)	1524	915	609
SAI (Non-coaching)	974	344	360
LNIFE	222	101	121
NSU	22	13	09
NDTL	46	22	24
NADA	20	06	14

5.1.2 When the Committee desired to know from the Department of Youth Affairs about sanctioned strength of the workforce *vis-à-vis* actual workforce along a list of vacant positions in the Department and subsidiary organizations and bodies, the Department of Youth Affairs provided the Break-up of Group A, B and C sanctioned strength of workforce *vis-à-vis* actual work force and vacancy positions as on 31st December, 2022 in the Department, which is given as under:

TABLE-XVIII**VACANT POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS**

Organisation	Sanctioned Strength of Work Force	Actual Work Force	Vacant Positions
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Main Secretariat)	214	160	54
Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan	2273	1446	827
Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development	63	48	15
National Service Scheme	200	93	107

5.1.3 As regards the break-up of Group A, B and C sanctioned strength of workforce vis-à-vis actual work force and vacant positions in the main Secretariat of the Ministry of youth affairs and Sports, NYKS, NSS and RGNIYD as on 31st December, 2022, it was informed that there were 54 vacant positions in Group A, B and C in main Secretariat of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The following table provides the details of Sanctioned Strength of Work Force, Actual Work Force and Vacancy Position in Main Secretariat of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

TABLE-XIX**Vacant positions in Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Main Secretariat)**

Name of Group	Sanctioned Strength of Work Force	Actual Work Force	Vacancy Position
A	49	46	3
B	104	65	39
C	61	49	12
Total	214	160	54

5.1.4 During the Demands for Grants Meeting held on 27th & 28th February, 2023, the Committee desired to know the efforts made by the Ministry to fill-up the vacant posts.

In response thereto, the Ministry submitted that they are making all out efforts to fill-up the vacancies. As regards, efforts made to fill-up the vacancies of the main Secretariat of Department of Youth Affairs, it was informed that there is no vacancy against the earmarked posts under Central Staffing Scheme in MYAS. All other posts in Group-A, Group-B & Group-C posts are filled up by DOP&T/SSC. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has been consistently taking up matter with DOP&T/SSC to fill these vacancies. Resultantly vacancies at middle management and upper management level have reduced in recent past. In order to overcome the shortage of manpower at this stage when workload of Ministry has increased manifold due to Youth 20 Summit and other various sporting events, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has engaged 11 Young Professionals against the vacancies of Assistant Section Officers on contractual basis as a temporary arrangement till these vacancies are filled up by DOP&T on regular basis. Further, 8 Consultants are being hired on contractual basis against the vacancies of Section Officer.

5.1.5 It was submitted by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghathan in a written reply that NYKS was in the process of inviting the tender from recruitment agencies for conduct of the recruitment in NYKS. At present there are 555 vacant posts in NYKS (i.e. District Youth Officer/Assistant Director –151 vacant posts; Accounts & Programme Assistant (APA) – 188 vacant posts; all other posts – 216 vacant posts). Under National Service Scheme efforts are being made to fill-up the vacancies. Similarly, the Department of Sports in a written submission to the Committee informed that efforts are being made by them to fill-up the vacant posts.

5.1.6 The Committee notes that vacancies in both the Departments of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports are soon to be filled as stated in deliberations and also acknowledges efforts made by the Ministry especially the Department of Youth Affairs to fill-up the vacant posts.

5.2 PROMOTION OF SPORTS THROUGH CSR ACTIVITIES

5.2.1 The Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports feels that promotion of sports is very important matter. In every international competition, India, being one of the most populous countries of the world, must have a target of increasing our medal tally in sports competitions such as Commonwealth, Asian Games and Olympics. This can be done through talent scouting in different Sports. But for this purpose, massive investment and huge financial resources are required and the Department of Sports cannot afford to provide world class training to our sportspersons on a large scale in the absence of funds/resources.

5.2.2 The Committee finds that in the country, Public Sector Undertakings, Banks and major private sector industries have the Corporate Social Responsibility as an obligation

to spend certain resources out of their profits as Corporate Social Responsibility under The Companies Act, 2013 towards the welfare of the society. Under section 135 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013, every company having net worth of Rs. 500 crores or more or turnover of Rs. 1000 crores or net profit of Rs. 5 crores or more is mandated to spend in every financial year at least 2% of the average net profit of the company made during the three immediately preceding financial years in pursuance of its CSR Policy. Furthermore training to promote Sports falls in items no (vii) of the Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013, which reads as “training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, Para Olympic sports and Olympic sports.”

5.2.3 The Committee feels that if the Government makes it mandatory that half a per cent of the money being spent towards Corporate Social Responsibility for the sports promotion under the guidance of the Department of Sports, many aspiring sportspersons will be able to avail adequate facilities. Assistance to the athletes for participation in various international events may be provided and sportspersons may be adopted under the Companies Act, 2013. The handholding by corporate sector will supplement the efforts being made by the Government in the promotion of Sports and hidden talents from the far-flung areas of the country may bring laurels for nation by performing even better at the international level.

5.2.4 The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the matter be taken-up by the Department of Sports with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to suitably amend the existing provision under the Companies Act, 2013 by the Parliament for making it mandatory for the company/Public Sector Banks to adopt Sportspersons and spend at least half a percent of average net profit made during three preceding financial years on the sports promotion under the supervision of the Department of Sports.

5.2.5 While examining the subject of Sports Promotion Schemes, methods of Talent Scouting and association of Corporate Sector through CSR Activities, the Committee found out that after 2018, the new definition of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) includes a negative list which affects the Sports as a sector. Due to this negative list in CSR, Sportspersons are not getting the best training opportunities as training is quite costly.

5.2.6 The Committee observes that as per the negative list mentioned in CSR Rules 2021, in case a company provides financial assistance to a sportsperson, and later on decides to employ that sportsperson, the endorsement and other incentives as being extended to them are stopped and the person is treated as a normal employee only, which hampers his/her training requirements for international competitions. The Committee feels that this anomaly needs to be addressed urgently by making necessary amendments in the Companies Act, 2013 so that Sportspersons of the country get trained without any hassles.

5.2.7 The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that matter affecting the Sportspersons be taken-up with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to suitably

amend the recent changes under the Companies Act, 2013 to the extent concerned in consultation with the Department of Sports.

5.3. After considering the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and assessing the progress of various important programmes/schemes and projects administered by it, the Committee recommends that the budgetary allocation of Rs. 3397.32 crores under Demand No. 102 as sought by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for the year 2023-24 may be approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS/OBSERVATIONS AT A GLANCE

In the light of the deliberations held in the meetings of the Committee and the clarifications submitted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Committee recommends that:

1. The Committee observes that the major share of the total budgetary allocation in BE 2023-24 of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is for the Department of Sports, *i.e.* 72.49%, whereas it is 27.51% for the Department of Youth Affairs.
(Para-2.1.5)
2. The Committee appreciates the substantial enhancement in total allocation in the BE2023-24 which is an increase of 22.08% over RE 2022-23 allocation.
(Para-2.1.6)
3. The Committee, therefore, recommends the Ministry that this increase in the funds should be adequately and judiciously utilized by the Department for the training of the Sportsperson participating in the Asian Games in Hangzhou in China, upcoming Paris Olympic Games and Para Olympics in 2024.
(Para-2.1.7)
4. The Committee is of the opinion that in order to have better implementation of the programmes/schemes of the Department of Sports with better administrative control and decision making over these issues, there is a need to have a separate Demand Head for itself. This way it can place its achievements in a better way before the Ministry of Finance for enhanced allocation of budget in future. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Department of Sports should pursue with the Ministry of Finance to create a separate Demand Head for it.
(Para-2.1.10)
5. The Committee highlights that the Department has utilized 72.58 per cent of RE allocation 2022-23 till 31st January, 2023. The Committee recommends that the Department should, further, strengthen its monitoring mechanism so that gainful and optimum utilization of funds is ensured.
(Para-2.2.3)
6. The Committee finds that utilization of funds under some of the schemes/agencies of the Department of Sports is up-to-the mark. For instance, in respect of Sports Authority of India, it is to the tune of 98.99%, under National Anti Doping Agency it is 81.12%, and Umbrella Scheme of Encouragement and Awards to Sportsperson, the Department has been able to utilize funds to the tune of 93.43%.

(Para-2.2.4)

7. The Committee appreciates Rs 400 crores enhancement in the allocation under the 'Khelo India Programme' in BE 2023-24 as compared to RE 2022-23.

(Para-2.2.5)

8. The Committee notes that during the financial year 2022-23, total BE allocation to the Department was Rs. 2254.00 crores, which was reduced to Rs 1907.69 crores at RE stage, out of which the Department has been able to utilize 72.58% of total allocated funds at RE Stage by 31st January, 2023.

(Para-2.2.6)

9. The Committee recommends that the Department needs to prioritize the utilization of funds in flagship schemes such as Khelo India Programme and Sports University in North East and also remove the bottlenecks in utilization of funds so that maximum utilization of allocated funds can be ensured.

(Para-2.2.7)

10. The Committee also recommends that strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance directions for even quarterly expenditure of funds should be followed.

(Para-2.2.8)

11. The Committee notes that department had utilized around 66.52% and 91.05% of the allocated funds in the years 2020-21 and 2021-22. The Committee also observes that the actual expenditure as on 31st January, 2023 in respect of Department of Youth Affairs was 70% of the RE as on 31st January, 2023.

(Para-2.3.4)

12. The Committee is of considered opinion that enhancement of financial allocation would indeed be meaningful if the Department of Youth Affairs ensures its funds utilization for specific purposes and priorities. The Committee hopes that the Department of Youth Affairs would be fully utilizing the funds allocated to the Department and be able to seek additional allocation of fund at RE stage on the basis of improved performance and fund utilization.

(Para-2.3.5)

13. The Committee appreciates that SAI has been able to utilize the allocated funds, which is indicative of the fact that the monitoring and review mechanism has been successful. The Committee hopes that the efforts of the SAI would yield great laurels for the country and bring up world class facilities and amenities for the aspiring sportspersons from every nook and corner of the country by keeping consistency of timely implementation of programmes/schemes. The Committee hopes that the Department would maintain the same level of performance in its various programmes/schemes and even aim to further improve the fund utilization in the current fiscal.

(Para-3.1.9)

14. The Committee notes that under the Head “Khelo India programme”, the utilization of budgetary allocation has been satisfactory as utilization of funds has been 99.57 % during 2019-20, cent per cent during 2020-21 and 92.24 % during 2021-22 as against Revised Estimates expenditure of respective years.

(Para-3.2.3)

15. The Committee observes that Khelo India Programme is one of the most important schemes for promotion of sports in the country and efforts should be made to widen its horizon as far as possible. The Committee takes note of the fact that the novel initiative like development and modernization of Sigra stadium in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh and construction of sports complex in Naranpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat has led to greater allocation and utilization. The Committee also recommends that the timeline for proposed development and modernization of Sigra stadium, Varanasi and construction of sports complex in Naranpura, Ahmedabad should be adhered to. The Committee would like to be apprised of the progress of above mentioned two projects.

(Para-3.2.5)

16. The Committee notes the initiative of starting the National Sports University (NSU) in Manipur that was established in 2017 under Manipur Societies Registration Act, 1989, which has now come to be established as National Sports University on 17th August, 2018 by the Act of Parliament. The University that is coming up is one of its kind in the country and at present has started functioning with four academic Departments namely School of Sports Science & Sports Medicine, School of Sports Management & Technology, School of Sports Education & Training and School of Interdisciplinary Studies. The Committee appreciates the enhancement in the allocation in BE 2023-24 (Rs.107.84 crores) as compared to RE 2022-23 (Rs. 90.06 crores), the Committee also recommends that the progress of work should be closely monitored for duly completion of the NSU.

(Para-3.2.7)

17. The Committee appreciates the financial assistance and pension being provided to former meritorious sportspersons and medal winners. The Committee, however, feels that as the Ministry being the nodal agency for these sportspersons, it should provide pension to all the former meritorious sportspersons, forming a criteria, as seeking pension may seem against the self-respect and dignity of most of the Sportspersons.

(Para-3.4.3)

18. The Committee notes that as these sportspersons have a short sporting career, they would need far more handholding to secure their future financially. In this regard, the Ministry may consider conducting financial literacy seminars/classes/webinars for sportspersons wherein they are taught how to save and invest their winnings for their financial security.

(Para-3.4.4)

19. The Committee takes note of the fact that a number of schemes have been

brought under the umbrella scheme of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram. The Committee finds that fund utilisation under RYSK in the last year is satisfactory. RYSK was allocated Rs. 463.00 crores at BE 2022-23 which were increased to Rs. 494.44 crores at RE 2022-23. The actual utilisation of funds till 31st January, 2023 has been Rs. 412.03 crores which is 83.33 % of the utilisation at RE stage.

(Para-4.1.4)

20. The Committee recommends that the Ministry through Department should evolve a strong monitoring mechanism for the gainful utilization of funds for seven-sub schemes of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram.

(Para-4.1.5)

21. The Committee observes that activities conducted by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan not only motivate youth but are also socially relevant. The Committee observes that the utilization of funds under this scheme is about 87 to 98 % of the amount allocated at RE stage. The Committee also suggests that considering the fact the time is changing and new Digital era has emerged, a new body needs to be formed to cater to the aspirations of digitally governed Young India.

(Para-4.3.5)

22. The Committee takes note of the fact that the National Service Scheme is being implemented through State agencies and other agencies. The Committee also takes note of the fact that switching over to Treasury Single Account (TSA) system during the last year has caused a delay in the opening and mapping of 11,000 accounts out of 30,000 accounts. The Committee observes that NSS scheme is an important scheme involving the Youth in the colleges. The State Bank of India/RBI which is involved in the opening-up of the accounts for the volunteers enrolled in this scheme should be advised to expedite the opening of these accounts and also disburse the amount at the same time in due coordination with states and such agencies.

(Para-4.5.2)

23. The Committee notes that vacancies lying vacant in both the Departments of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports are soon to be filled as stated in deliberations and also acknowledges efforts made by the Ministry especially the Department of Youth Affairs to fill-up the vacant posts.

(Para-5.1.6)

24. The Committee feels that if the Government makes it mandatory that half a per cent of the money being spent towards Corporate Social Responsibility for the

sports promotion under the guidance of the Department of Sports, many aspiring sportspersons will be able to avail adequate facilities. Assistance to the athletes for participation in various international events may be provided and sportspersons may be adopted under the Companies Act, 2013. The handholding by corporate sector will supplement the efforts being made by the Government in the promotion of Sports and hidden talents from the far-flung areas of the country may bring laurels for nation by performing even better at the international level.

(Para-5.2.3)

25. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the matter be taken-up by the Department of Sports with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to suitably amend the existing provision under the Companies Act, 2013 by the Parliament for making it mandatory for the company/Public Sector Banks to adopt Sportspersons and spend at least half a percent of average net profit made during three preceding financial years on the sports promotion under the supervision of the Department of Sports.

(Para-5.2.4)

26. The Committee observes that as per the negative list mentioned in CSR Rules 2021, in case a company provides financial assistance to a sportsperson, and later on decides to employ that sportsperson, the endorsement and other incentives as being extended to them are stopped and the person is treated as a normal employee only, which hampers his/her training requirements for international competitions. The Committee feels that this anomaly needs to be addressed urgently by making necessary amendments in the Companies Act, 2013 so that Sportspersons of the country get trained without any hassles.

(Para-5.2.6)

27. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that matter affecting the Sportspersons be taken-up with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to suitably amend the recent changes under the Companies Act, 2013 to the extent concerned in consultation with the Department of Sports.

(Para-5.2.7)

28. After considering the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and assessing the progress of various important programmes/schemes and projects administered by it, the Committee recommends that the budgetary allocation of Rs. 3397.32 crores under Demand No. 102 as sought by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for the year 2023-24 may be approved.

(Para-5.3)