



Union Budget 2022: Allocation for sports

Partial enhancement for Sports

The country's success at the Tokyo Olympics seems to have influenced the sports budget. Therefore, partial enhancement for Sports budget. India had won seven medals at Tokyo Olympics 2020, which included a historic gold medal in the track and field event by javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra. Hope this will help in preparing for both the Birmingham Commonwealth Games and Hangzhou Asian Games mega-events to be held this year.

During the Finance Minister's speech, while there was no particular mention of the sports sector, it has emerged that:

1. Total Budget Allocated

- a. The total budget allocated for sports - Rs 3062.60 cr. as compare to ₹2757.02 crores of the previous fiscal year (2021-2022).
- b. There has been an increase of Rs 305.58 crore in the sports budget.

2. Khelo India programme's budget

- a. The Khelo India programme's budget has also been increased from ₹879 crores to ₹974 crores this time.

3. Encouragement and Awards to Sportspersons

- a. The total encouragement and awards to sportspersons have seen a substantial increase from Rs 245 crore to Rs 357 crore.

4. Incentives for Sportspersons

- a. As far as incentives for sportspersons are concerned, the budget has proposed a minimal hike to Rs 55 crore.

5. National Sports Federations (NSFs)

- a. The allocation towards National Sports Federations (NSFs) remained untouched at Rs 280 crore.

6. Sports Authority of India's Budget

- a. The Sports Authority of India's budget had been reduced by Rs 7.41 crore to Rs 653 crore.
- b. The SAI is the nodal organisation to manage national camps, provide infrastructure, equipment, and other logistics to the country's sportspersons.

7. National Sports Development Fund

- a. The allocation towards National Sports Development Fund has been reduced by Rs 9 crore to Rs 16 crore from Rs 25 crore.

8. National Service Scheme

- a. The National service scheme has witnessed a whopping jump of Rs 118.50 crore from Rs 165 crore to Rs 283.50 core.

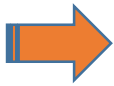


9. National Youth Empowerment Program

- a. The government has also decided to increase the budget for the National Youth Empowerment Program from 108 crores to 138 crores in this fiscal year.

10. Task Force to Promote Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC)

- a. Task force to promote Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) to recommend ways to realise this and build domestic capacity for serving out markets and the global demand.
- b. Huge potential to provide employment to the youth.
- c. Potential of 25 lakh jobs in the sector.



Urgent Unmet Demand of the Sports Industry



Unmet Demand of the Sports and Recreation Industry / organisation for Long Term Development: CSRI

1. Declare and Grant **Industry Status** to Sports Sector.
2. **Inclusion of Sports Industry in the Harmonized Master List of Infrastructure sub-sectors** so that the sports sector becomes eligible for obtaining long term financial support from banks and other financial institutions.
3. Allocation of **separate budget for Promotion to Make in India** (Atam Nirbhar Bharat) in Sports: Supports to Domestic Manufacturing / Services.
4. Import Duty Concessions for equipment not manufactured in India as per International standard:
 - Need urgent updating List of Sports Goods and equipment mentioned in GENERAL EXEMPTION NO. 145 Skills Development in Sports:
 - Incentivise Skills development in Sports and allied Skills to bridge the huge skills gap.
5. Rationalisation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Sports.
6. Regulate and recognise sports betting and lottery in India
 - Should also set up a National Sports Lottery exclusively to cater to Grassroots Development Grants across all communities in the country.
