

Union Budget for Indian Sports: A 10-Year Analysis

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1. Introduction

The allocation of the Union Budget for Indian sports plays a crucial role in shaping the development of athletics, infrastructure, and overall performance in global events like the Olympics and the Asian Games. This report presents an analysis of budgetary allocations for Indian sports over the past ten years (2014-2024), identifying trends, impacts, and challenges while suggesting improvements for future allocations.

2. Budget Trends Over the Last 10 Years

The table below highlights the budget allocation for sports over the past decade:

Year	Allocation (INR Crores)	% Change from Previous Year
2014	1219	-
2015	1261	+3.4%
2016	1540	+22.1%
2017	1943	+26.2%
2018	2196	+13.0%
2019	2216	+0.9%
2020	2826	+27.5%
2021	2596	-8.1%
2022	3062	+17.9%
2023	3397	+10.9%
2024	3545	+4.4%

3. Impact on Sports Development

- Improved Infrastructure: New stadiums and training facilities under Khelo India.
- Athlete Support: Enhanced financial aid and training.
- Olympic Success: Increased investment led to better performances.
- Grassroots Development: Focus on nurturing young talent.

4. Challenges and Gaps

- Uneven Distribution: Some sports get more funding.
- Bureaucratic Delays: Affect infrastructure and athlete preparation.
- Lack of Private Investment: Over-reliance on government funds.

- Insufficient Grassroots Support: Rural sports receive less funding.

5. Recommendations and Conclusion

****Recommendations:****

- Balanced Funding: Equitable distribution across sports.
- Public-Private Partnership: Encourage corporate investment.
- Efficient Fund Utilization: Reduce bureaucratic inefficiencies.
- Strengthening Grassroots Sports: Increase funding for rural sports.

****Conclusion:****

The Union Budget for Indian sports has seen a steady increase over the past decade, leading to improvements in infrastructure, athlete support, and global performance. Addressing challenges like fund distribution and bureaucratic delays will further boost India's sporting ecosystem.