

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3052
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Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund

3052. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH: DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

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Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund (PDUNWF) has been set up by the Government to provide assistance to sportspersons in the country;

(b) if so, the details along with the objectives thereof;

(c) the number of sportspersons benefitted from this fund during last five years and the current year, State and sports-wise;

(d) whether the Government is aware that a number of medalists are in financially miserable condition and suffering from different diseases;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to provide financial assistance to such sportspersons from this fund; and

(f) the criteria adopted for determining the amount of assistance from this fund?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. The Government implements the scheme of 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons' (PDUNWFS) with the following objectives:

(i) To provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons now living in indigent circumstances;

(ii) To provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons injured during the period of their training for competitions and also during the competitions, depending on the nature of the injury;

(iii) To provide suitable assistance to sportspersons for medical treatment;

(iv) To provide suitable assistance to promote welfare of sportspersons generally in order to alleviate distress among them and their dependents in indigent circumstances;

(v) To provide assistance to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances for training, procurement for sports equipment, participation in national and international sports events etc.

(c) to (e): The information about state-wise and sports-wise number of sportspersons supported from this fund during last five years is available on the Department's website <https://yas.nic.in>.

(f): Financial assistance upto Rs. 5.00 Lakh for outstanding sportspersons living in indigent circumstances and upto Rs. 10.00 Lakh for medical treatment to sportspersons or family members is provided under the scheme of PDUNWFS.
