

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:505

ANSWERED ON:30.04.2002

NEW POLICY GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF PLAYERS FOR DIFFERENT AWARDS

ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

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

(a) whether the Government have prepared a new policy/guidelines for the purpose of selecting awardees for various categories of sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the present policy/guidelines are different as compared to the previous policy;

(d) whether any new committee has been constituted for selecting players for the Arjuna Awards;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the guidelines laid down for constitution of the selection committee for selecting players for Arjuna Awards, if any?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.505 FOR ANSWER ON 30.4.2002 REGARDING NEW POLICY/GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF PLAYERS FOR DIFFERENT AWARDS ASKED BY SHRI ASHOK N. MOHOL AND DR. SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA.

(a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The Government have recently revised the Scheme for the Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in sports and games. Under the revised Scheme, a new Selection Committee is to be constituted. A statement indicating the details in this regard and changes made as compared to the earlier guidelines is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

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PROVISIONS OF EARLIER SCHEME	DETAILS OF CHANGES MADE IN THE SCHEME FOR ARJUNA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS AND GAMES
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1. Objective
To encourage the development of games and sports in the country

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To recognize outstanding performance of sportspersons in the field of sports at international level.

2 Eligibility
National/International level performance

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Now performance only at International level will be taken into account.

Sportspersons who have contributed their life time to sports and sports

The Award for life time contribution has been de-linked from Arjuna Award. A separate Scheme for

promotion conferring awards to such persons who have contributed their life time for sports promotion, is in an advanced stage of formulation and will be implemented as soon as it is finalized.

Sportspersons found positive for use of drugs banned by the International Olympic Committee in any laboratory accredited by International Olympic Committee will not be eligible for Arjuna Award.

3 Categories: 3 Categories

1. Olympics/Asian/ Commonwealth Games/ World Disciplines and Cricket a) Olympic Games/Asian Games/ Commonwealth Games/ World Cup/World Championship disciplines and Cricket.

b) Indigenous Games

2. Indigenous Games c) Sports for Physically challenged

3. Sports for the Physically Handicapped

4 Nominations 4 Nominations

No specific date was fixed for calling the application and cut of date. State/UT Governments & IOA were not specifically mentioned. The last date for receipt of application will be 31st May. State/UT Government and IOA have been specifically required to send nominations.

5 Scrutiny of 5 Scrutiny of Nomination Nomination

All the nominations received will be sent to ED (Teams), SAI and concerned NSF by 15th June who will verify the achievements/ performance of all nominated sportspersons Govt.

In practical terms, all the entries received were sent to ED (Teams), SAI for verifying and sending their comments.

6 Selection Committee In the guidelines, no specific constitution was indicated. However, as per practice the following used to be the composition of the Committee
Chairperson

6 Procedure of Selection It is proposed that the Committee will be comprised of a Chairperson and twelve members distinguished in the field of sports as indicated below:-

1. Sportsperson of eminence

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1. Minister (Youth Affairs and Sports) - Chairman
2. Olympians from different

2. MOS - Vice disciplines - 5
Chairman] Members
3. Secretary (YA&S) 3.Arjuna Awardees from
- Member
4. Director General different
- (SAI) - Member disciplines -
5. Joint Secretary 4 Members
- (Sports) - Member
6. President, IOA - 4.Sports Administrators -
Member 2 Members
- 7 President, Arjuna
Awardees Association 5.Director/DS (Sports)
of India - Member Ministry of Youth
8. Executive Affairs and
Director (Teams), SAI Sports - Member Secretary

The Committee was empowered to recommend sports persons/coaches for conferment of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ranta, Dronachayra Awards also.

- The Chairperson in consultation with Member Secretary may constitute panels from amongst the members of the Committee to assist the Committee.
- The Chairperson may seek advice of experts in specific sports disciplines whenever necessary.

- Any person directly or indirectly associated with a sportsperson nominated for the Awards shall not be eligible to serve on the Committee.

- The Committee will determine its own work procedure.

- The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be 75% of the members of the Committee and the Chairperson.

- The Committee shall select the Award winners by consensus failing which by a majority decision and give its report to the Government of India within one month of reference.

- The Executive Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India will be present at the time of deliberations of the Committee in order to provide information/clarifications, if any, required by the Committee.

- The Selection proceedings to be kept confidential.

7 Number of the Award 7 Number of the Award to be
to be given in a year given in a year

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The maximum number of Awards
No specific number has been kept at fifteen.

was indicated.

The concept of one Award in each discipline has been kept. However, in the year succeeding Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, an exception could be made for a second award being given to a sportsperson in those disciplines, in which more than five medals have been won in Asian/Commonwealth Games as an exception.

8 Prize Money
Rs.1.50 lakhs.

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Rs.3.00 lakhs.