

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN RALWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by the Railways to promote sports during the last three years;
- (b) the achievements made during the said period; and
- (c) the amount spent to promote sports during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) : For the promotion of sports, during the last three years, Indian Railways have recruited eminent sportspersons, provided infrastructure to them for better performance at National and International levels. Railways also provided incentives to the sportspersons like out-of-turn promotion, additional increments, and cash awards for their meritorious performance at National and International levels.

(b): During the last 3 years, Indian Railways have contributed a galaxy of players to the Indian Teams in International Meets, encompassing various disciplines and contributed more than 50% of the total medals won by the Country.

At the national level, Indian Railways' teams declared winners in 51 events and runner up in 33 events, out of total 115 participation in different sports, during last three years.

(c): Besides the amount spent by Zonal Railways for staff benefits and promotion of sports, an amount of about Rs.20.28 Crore during the last three years has been spent purely on sports activities and promotion of sports by the Indian Railways through Railway Sports Promotion Board.