

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

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ASSISTANCE TO WIDOWS OF FOOTBALL TEAM  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether proposals have been received by the Government for providing financial assistance to widows of the Members of the Indian football team which reached the semifinals in Olympics;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the financial assistance has been given to each sports persons and their next of kin; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Following grant of assistance of Rs.1.50 lakh each to nine surviving members of the Indian Football team that reached semi-finals at Melbourne Olympics, 1956, government received a representation from the widow of one of the member, which was accepted and the same assistance was given to six widows who could be located with the assistance of All India Football Association and Indian Football Association.