

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

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EQUAL FACILITIES TO SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to provide remuneration and other facilities to the State and National level sports persons of various events at par with the cricket players;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has any scheme to uplift the standards of sports players of various events to improve their performance in various international/national competitions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government does not have any scheme for providing remuneration to the sportspersons. There is no concept of payment of remuneration to players in amateur sports. Remuneration is paid in professional sports only, which is outside the Olympic movement.

(d) & (e): For promotion of excellence in sports aimed at better performance of Indian sportspersons in international sports events, following Schemes are being run by the Ministry and Sports Authority of India:

(A) Schemes of the Ministry

- (i) Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federation (NSFs)
- (ii) Scheme of National sports Development Fund (NSDF)
- (iii) Scheme of Talent Search & Training (TS&T)

(B) Schemes of Sports Authority of India

- (i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme
- (ii) Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC) Scheme
- (iii) SAI Training Centre (STC) Scheme
- (iv) Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme
- (v) Extension Centres of STC/SAG Centres
- (vi) Centres of Excellence (COE) Scheme

Further, preparations for winning more medals in all major international events is an on-going process and is based on the Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) prepared by the National Sports Federations. At present, Government has undertaken a special drive for preparation of athletes for participation in Commonwealth Games and Asian Games, 2010. These efforts will be furthered suitably for training of sportspersons who qualify for participation in London Olympics, 2012.