

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

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INCENTIVES TO PLAYERS  
Agarwal Shri Jai Prakash

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

- (a) the cash incentive provided by the Government to the players engaged in various sports including Football, Hockey, Badminton, Lawn Tennis and Cricket;
- (b) the reasons for paying special attention to Cricket in comparison to other Sports activities;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to promote other sporting activities also in addition to Cricket;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): The incentives to sportspersons are provided in the form of

- (i) special cash awards to winners of medals in international sports events and their coaches;
- (ii) pension to meritorious sportspersons who have won medals in Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Cups/Championships in Olympics and Asian Games disciplines and Paralympic Games; and
- (iii) Pension to outstanding sportspersons of yesteryears now living in indigent circumstances.

In addition, financial assistance is provided to elite athletes for their training and preparation for participation in major international competitions. Financial assistance is provided for promising and budding sportspersons under the Scheme of Assistance to Talent Search & Training for training, competitive exposure and the purchase of equipment.

As far as assistance from Government of India is concerned, no assistance is being provided for cricket, as the Board of Control for Cricket in India does not seek financial assistance from the Government. The assistance under various Schemes of the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is being provided to all other recognized sports disciplines.