

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

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

- (a) whether a National Sports Fund has been set up to provide specialized training and financial assistance to the poor sportsmen for their participation in National and International events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds disbursed from this fund and contribution from other sources during each of the last three years and in the current year; and
- (d) the number of sportspersons including power lifters provided financial assistance from the said fund for participating in National and International events, discipline- wise during each of the last three years and in the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) & (b): Government has set up National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) in 1998 for mobilizing resources from the non-governmental sources, including private/corporate sector and non-resident Indians, for the promotion of sports and games in the country. The funds available under NSDF are mainly used towards supplementing government assistance to the elite sportspersons who are medal prospects at major international events, for meeting their specific coaching/training requirements by way of provision of scientific support and training within the country and abroad, purchase of equipment, participation in international competitions etc.

(c): Details of funds disbursed from NSDF and contributions received during last three years and current year are given in Annexure

(d) details of sportspersons assisted discipline-wise from NSDF during the last three years and current year are given in the table below :-

Year Number of sportspersons assisted
from NSDF discipline-wise

2006-07 5 Shooting
1 Chess

2007-08 9 Shooting

1 Chess

1 Swimming

2008-09 22 Shooting

02 Chess

03 Rowing

02 Judo

04 Tennis

05 Boxing

01 Swimming

01 Badminton

17 Athletics

2009-10 09 Shooting

01 Shooting (Paralympics)

01 Athletics (Discus Throw)

02 Chess

No power lifter has been assisted under the scheme so far.