

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any programme for providing assistance to national and international level sports persons of various disciplines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan for encouraging sporting disciplines other than cricket; 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) & (b): The Government provides financial assistance to national and international level players under the Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training and National Sports Development Fund for personalized training/coaching under national/international coaches, participation in international tournaments held in India and abroad and purchase of sports equipments.

(c) & (d) : Development of sport is the responsibility of the National Sports Federation concerned. However, the Government supplements their efforts by providing financial assistance to NSFs for in charge of 'priority', 'general' and 'others' category disciplines, conducting national/international championships in India, training and participation of national teams in sporting events abroad, engagement of coaches and other supporting personnel and purchase of equipments, including consumables. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) does not take any financial assistance from the Government.