

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

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

- (a) the details of the role played by the Paralympic Committee of India for promoting sports for the disabled in the country;
- (b) whether the training and sports equipments related requirement of disabled sports persons including athletes representing the country in the Commonwealth Games has been neglected;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the details of facilities provided to the disabled sports persons for the said event; and
- (e) the details of the funds allocated in this regard and manner in which the same has been utilised?

Answer

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

(a): Paralympics Committee of India (PCI) has been recognized by the Government for Promotion of Sports amongst physically challenged sportspersons. The Government provides them grants for conducting national/international tournaments in India, participation of teams in international events abroad and coaching camps etc.

(b) to (d): No, Madam, A total number of 54 Core probables (36 Men and 18 Women) (Athletics –7 Men & 3 Women; Powerlifting – 7 men & 5 Women; Swimming – 5 men & 2 Women; and Table Tennis – 6 Women) were included in the core group for Commonwealth Games. They were imparted continuous training in India and were also sent abroad for competitions. Increase in boarding charges; facility of air passage for joining the training camps; training/competitions upto 305 days in a year; deployment of support personnel like Sports Analysts; Doctors; Physiologists; Masseurs, Escorts etc for each sport; upgradation of training facilities to international standard; Boarding/lodging charges for international competitions abroad are among the incentives being extended to sportspersons. In addition, PCI has been authorized to purchase 22 wheel chairs for players of Table Tennis, Powerlifting and Athletics disciplines and the expenditure thereof would be reimbursed by SAI.

(e): The year wise funds released to PCI is as under:-

Sl.No	Year	Amount (In Crores)
1	2008-09	Nil
2	2009-10	Rs. 1.20
3	2010-11	(upto Rs. 0.12. 01-08-10)

The above funds were utilized for expenditure on Boarding/Lodging, Visa, Insurance, Air fare, transport, etc during the Foreign Exposure/Coaching Camps etc.

In addition to above, Rs. 1.50 crores have been spent for training/coaching of the para- athletes by Sports Authority of India.