

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

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS PERSONS

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

(a) the name of the schemes launched by the Government to provide financial assistance/other facilities to the sports persons participating in national and international competitions alongwith the number of such sports persons provided such assistance during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and sports discipline-wise;

(b) the number of prominent sports persons who have been given national and international awards during the said period, sports disciplines-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage the sports persons to participate in sports competitions?

Answer

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

(a) For participation of sportspersons in international and national competitions, assistance is given to Indian Olympic Association and National Sports Federations (NSFs) under the scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Amount of financial assistance given to NSFs during last three years and current year is given in Annexure-I.

(b) The sportspersons and coaches are given National Sports Awards such as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Dronacharya Awards, Arjuna Awards and Dhyan Chand Awards in recognition of their performances. The number National Sports of awardees for the last three years are in Annexure-II.

(c) For mass participation in sports and promotion of excellence in sports, which aim at encouraging sportspersons to take part in sports competitions, the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India operate and run a number of schemes such as Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, Scheme of Talent Search & Training, Scheme of National Sports Development Fund, Scheme of Special Awards to winners of medals in international sports events and their coaches, Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons, National Sports Talent contest Scheme, Army Boys Sports Companies Scheme, SAI Training Centres Scheme, Special Area Games Scheme, Centres of Excellence Scheme and National Coaching Camp Scheme.