

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

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NEED OF MEGA SPORTS EVENTS

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

- (a) whether there is need to conduct more mega sports events to encourage sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the reasons for lack of promotion for various sports disciplines other than cricket; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action/steps taken thereon, sports discipline wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATI)

(a) & (b): India has successfully hosted the XIX Commonwealth Games, 2010 apart from two Asiads in the past. At present, there is no other proposal for conducting mega sports event except the 12th edition of South Asian Games in New Delhi in 2012.

(c) & (d): The responsibility for promotion and development of various sports disciplines lies with the concerned National Sports Federation. The Government provides financial assistance to the National Sports Federations for various activities like holding of national/international sports events in India, participation of Indian sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, engagement of national and international coaches and procurement of equipment and consumables. Individual sports persons are also given assistance to meet their specific coaching/training requirements including purchase of equipment, provision of scientific support under the 'Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training' and through the 'National Sports Development Fund'.

Steps are also being taken to broaden sports and identify talent in different disciplines under different schemes like Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), SAI Training Centres (STC), Special Area Games (SAG) and Centers of Excellence (COE).

Apart from this, the government also gives various incentives in the form of special awards, cash awards and pension etc. to meritorious sports persons and their coaches.

The Board of Control for Cricket does not take any funds from the Government for promotion of cricket.