

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FREE EDUCATION FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDAL WINNERS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free education for sports persons who won medals in the recently concluded Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to formulate a scheme of financial incentives to support, talented sports persons and strengthen the sports infrastructure in educational institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to provide free education for sports persons who won medals in the recently concluded Commonwealth Games, 2010 for the entire duration of their studies. The expenditure on education for school going students and college going students would be borne by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the University Grants Commission (UGC) respectively.

(c) & (d): CBSE is offering Chacha Nehru Sports awards of Rs.6000/- per student for outstanding sportspersons and for athletes who set new records in 15 different disciplines during the annual National CBSE sports and games competition.

CBSE also provides that before granting affiliation, the concerned school should have adequate specified infrastructure.