

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:269

ANSWERED ON:15.03.2011

PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS

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

- (a) whether the performance of Indian sportspersons in various international events including the Asian Games and Commonwealth Games has been commensurate with the level of expectation and investments made in the sports sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has disbursed the cash rewards announced for outstanding performance in various sports disciplines during the said events to the medal winning sportspersons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, sports discipline-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 269 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.3.2011 REGARDING 'PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS' ASKED BY SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI AND SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY.

(a) & (b): Performance of our sportspersons and teams in the major international tournaments held since 2008 has shown improvement.

In 29th Olympic Games held at Beijing in August 2008, India won 3 medals (1 Gold and 2 Bronze medals) which was our best ever performance in Olympic Games.

In 11th South Asian Games, 2010 held in Dhaka India topped the medal tally by winning 174 medals (90 Gold, 55 Silver and 29 Bronze).

In the 19th Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2010 held in New Delhi, India put up its best ever performance in Commonwealth Games with a haul of 101 medals (38 Gold, 27 Silver and 36 Bronze), which was more than double the medals India won at CWG Melbourne 2006. This achievement placed India 2nd in medals tally after Australia and ahead of major sporting countries such as England, Canada and South Africa.

In the 16th Asian Games 2010 held at Guangzhou (China), Indian sportspersons put up a commendable performance and got record number of 64 medals (14 Gold, 17 Silver and 33 Bronze). India stood at 6th position in the medals tally, which is India's best since inception of Asian Games.

For CWG 2010, the Ministry had undertaken a massive and unprecedented training programme for the elite sportspersons of India, to prepare the Indian contingent for CWG-2010. Scheme for Preparation of Indian Athletes for CWG 2010 with an outlay of Rs. 678 crore was put in place for providing comprehensive and intensive training and exposure to Indian sportspersons, both domestically and abroad. 170 Indian and 30 Foreign Coaches, 78 supporting technical personnel were involved in the effort.

The amount of financial assistance given for preparation of athletes and teams belonging to recognized sports disciplines for their participation in national and international tournaments under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations and Scheme of preparation of teams for CWG 2010 during the last three years and current year is given in the table below:-

(Rs. in cores)

Sl. No.	Year	Amount of Financial Assistance released
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1. 2007-08 53.37

2. 2008-09 109.50

3. 2009-10 279.96

4. 2010-11 (upto 31.01.2011) 89.40

(c) to (e): Disbursal of award money under the Scheme of Special Awards for winners of medals in International Sports Events and their coaches is an on-going process, under which applications for cash awards recommended by National Sports Federations (NSFs), are considered for award money under the provisions of the Scheme after verification of the achievements of sportspersons by the Sports Authority of India (SAI).

All medalists of CWG-2010 and Asian Games-2010 have been awarded the cash awards under the Scheme of Special Awards for winners of medals in International Sports Events and their coaches. Gold medalists have been given award money of Rs.20 lakhs, Silver medalists Rs.10 lakhs and Bronze medalists Rs.6 lakhs. Winners of medals in team events have been given award money not less than half of individual award money. Award money worth Rs. 26.82 crore has been disbursed to 323 medalists of CWG-2010 and Asian Games-2010. The sport discipline wise details are annexed.