

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is also promoting other sports besides cricket in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present status thereof;
- (d) the funds allocated and spent under various schemes for promoting sports in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and sports discipline-wise;
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to promote all sports in the country so that sports persons would be able to win Gold medals in national and international sports competitions; and
- (f) the details of the other steps taken by the Government for the welfare of the sports persons other than cricketers?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Government is not providing financial assistance for promotion of cricket whereas National Sports Federations (NSFs) for other disciplines are assisted for conducting national/international championships in India, training & participation of national teams in sporting events abroad, engagement of coaches and other supporting personnel, procurement of sports equipments including consumables etc. Government also provides financial assistance for customised training of eminent athletes who are medal prospects in major international events. For promoting sports for all, the Government is implementing Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) from 2008-09 onwards. Details of funds allocated and expended under the various schemes for promoting sport in the country during each of the last 3 years and current year is given in the enclosed annexure.

(f) The Government is implementing the following schemes for giving incentives, providing financial security, recognizing sporting achievements of meritorious sportspersons and giving lump sum ex-gratia financial assistance to sportspersons living in indigent conditions:

(i) Scheme of Special Awards for winners of medals in international sport events and their coaches.

(ii) Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons.

(iii) Scheme of National Sports Awards viz., Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Awards, Dhyan Chand Awards and Dronacharya Awards

(iv) Scheme of National Welfare Fund for sportspersons.