

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps for eradicating gender disparity in sports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken for promoting women in sports;
- (c) whether the various schemes for promoting sports in the country provide for the distinctive dietary/training needs of sportswomen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to provide special incentives to distinguished sportswomen?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is no gender disparity in promotion and development of sports. Benefits and facilities available under all schemes of the Ministry as well as that of Sports Authority of India (SAI) are equally applicable to sportspersons of both the gender.

The Scheme of National Championships for Women, which was started in 1975, aimed at promotion of sports amongst women, by holding national level competitions, which were preceded by holding of lower level competitions at district and state levels, for which funds were provided to States as per laid down norms.

The Scheme of National Championships for Women has now been integrated with the Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) introduced from the year 2008-0. Financial assistance is provided to State Governments as per following norms for holding competitions at district, state and national levels:

Competition level Funding pattern

District level Rs. 1.20 lakh @ Rs. 10,000/- per discipline for 12 disciplines.

State Level Rs. 6 lakh for State @ Rs. 50,000/- per discipline for 12 disciplines;

Rs. 3 lakh for UT @ Rs. 25,000/- per discipline for 12 disciplines.

National Level Rs. 42 lakh @ Rs. 3.50 lakh per discipline for 12 disciplines.

The scheme covers the following 12 sports disciplines divided into four groups for the purpose of conducting National Sports Festival for Women in the different States of the country with the collaboration of States' Sports Councils:

Sl.No. Group-1 Group-II Group-III Group-IV.

1. Basketball Handball Athletics Kho-Kho

2 Hockey Hockey Badminton Kabaddi

Efforts are constantly being made to increase the intake of the number of sports women under different sports promotional schemes of Sports Authority of India. As of now, there are 4196 women trainees receiving training at different Sports Authority of India Centres in various disciplines, all over India.

Further, under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), NSFs are required to hold national championships for women also in all three categories viz., senior, junior, sub-junior.

Under the Scheme, NSFs are assisted for organizing one national level championship @ Rs. 2 lakh for seniors, Rs. 4 lakh for Junior Championship and Rs. 6 lakh for Sub-Junior Championship in a year.

In addition, NSFs are also assisted for upto six regional championships as preparatory to nationals @ Rs. 1 lakh per championship.

(c) & (d): Distinctive dietary/training needs of the sportspersons including sportswomen undergoing training under various schemes of Sports Authority of India are taken care of in terms of the financial guidelines in each scheme. Diet charges and charges for food supplements to sportspersons including sportswomen attending national coaching camps are provided at the following rates:

Diet Charges

(i) Seniors: Rs. 400 per day per athlete (for both power and non-power games)

(ii) Juniors & Sub Juniors: Ceiling of Rs. 300 per day per athlete (for both power and non-power games)

Supplements:

(i) Seniors: Rs. 250 per day per athlete (for both power and non-power games)

(ii) Juniors and Sub Juniors: Ceilings of Rs. 100 per day per athlete (for both power and non-power games)