

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance and higher quality of facilities to students who are participating in national and international sports competitions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of students benefited by such assistance during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry provides assistance to Association of Indian Universities and School Games Federation of India among other national sports federations from the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations towards conduct of national championships, conduct of international tournaments in India, participation in international sports competitions abroad, con of coaching camps, procurement of sports equipment. To clatr;, Government has assisted the Association of Indian Universities for participation in competitions abroad such as World University Games, last of which was held in China in 2011, and the World University Championships. Likewise, teams of School Games Federation of India have also been assisted for sending teams abroad in the disciplines of athletics, basketball, gymnastics, handball, football, swimming and table tennis for participation in international competitions.

At the national level, the Maulana Abual Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy is awarded to the best performing university in inter-university tournaments. The Trophy is awarded by President of India on 29th August every year. While overall winner university is also given award money of Rs. 10 lakh, first runner-up university and second runner-up university are given award money of Rs. 5 lakh and Rs. 3 lakh respectively.

Details of financial assistance given to National Sports Federations during last three years and the current year are given in Annexure.