

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

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

- (a) whether the Government gives incentives equal to cricket players and encourage the sportspersons including football sports persons of the country including rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise and sports discipline-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated during the XIth Five Year Plan especially for hostel students and rural youth;
- (d) whether any scheme or policy exists for providing Government jobs to the sportspersons who won in international/national competitions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Incentives provided to the sportspersons in the form of cash awards, pension for meritorious performances in specifically identified major events such as single/multi-sport continental/world level championships, are uniform for all sports disciplines.

(b) Sportspersons and coaches are given special cash awards under the scheme of 'Special Awards to medal winners in international sports events and their coaches'. Cash awards are given to the sportspersons as per the award money indicated in the table below:

Name of event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
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(a) Seniors

(i) Olympic Games	Rs. 50 lakh	Rs. 30 lakh	Rs. 20 lakh
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(ii) Asian Games/Commonwealth Games	Rs. 20 lakh	Rs. 10 lakh	Rs. 6 lakh
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(ii) World Championships in the disciplines of Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games	Rs. 10 lakh	Rs. 5 lakh	Rs. 3 lakh
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Asian Championships/ Commonwealth	Rs. 3 lakh	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 1 lakh
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(b) World Championships (Juniors & Sub-Juniors)

(i) Juniors Rs. 2 lakhs Rs. 1.5 lakhs Rs. 1 lakh

(ii) Sub-Juniors Rs. 1 lakh Rs. 80,000 Rs. 60,000

(c) Asian and Commonwealth Championships (Juniors and Sub-Juniors)

(i) Juniors Rs. 1 lakh Rs. 80,000 Rs. 60,000

(ii) Sub-Juniors Championships Rs. 50,000 Rs. 40,000 Rs. 30,000

For team events, the amount of award money is dependent upon number of players in the team. However, in no case, the award money payable to a player of the medal winning team is less than half of the award money payable to an individual medal winner.

The amount of award money payable to coaches is 50% of the award money payable to the sports person.

Further, the meritorious sports persons, who have won medals in Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships in the disciplines of Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games; and Paralympic Games after they retire from active sports or they attain the age of 30 years whichever is later, are given monthly pension at following rates under the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sports persons:

S. No.	Category of meritorious sports persons	Rate of Pension (Rs./per month)	
1	Medalists at the Olympic Games	10000	
2	Gold medalists at the World Cup/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	8000	
3	Silver and Bronze medalists at the World Cup/ disciplines	7000	World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games
4	Gold medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games	7000	
5	Silver and Bronze medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games	6000	
6	Gold Medalists of Para-Olympic Games	5000	

7 Silver medalists of Para-Olympic Games 4000

8 Bronze Medalists of Para-Olympic Games 3000

(c) There was no separate allocation of funds during 11th Five Year Plan for hostel students and rural youth.

(d) & (e) In terms of extant instructions of the Government, there is a provision of 5% of direct recruit vacancies in Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' posts in Central Government offices being reserved for meritorious sportspersons.