

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

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WELFARE SCHEME FOR SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to extend the scheme of pension to meritorious sportspersons and medal winners of national and international level for creating a sense of security among the talented youth and to attract them towards sports as a career;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the details of international and national level sportspersons who were given financial assistance for treatment of serious injuries and other ailments etc. during each of the last three years and the current year, sports discipline-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken for promoting sports among women?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a)to(c) The medal winners in international events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships (in the disciplines of Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games) and Para-Olympic Games are covered under the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons. However, there is no proposal, at present, to extend the scheme of pension to meritorious sportspersons to medal winners in national championships. Resource constraint is a factor in this. Also, Sports is a State subject. The Union Government complements and supplements the efforts of the State Governments for promotion of sports including Welfare of Sportspersons.

(d) The details regarding financial assistance given to sportspersons for treatment of injuries and medical treatment are given in Annexure.

(e) All schemes of the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India are inclusive schemes and are equally applicable to women sportspersons. Further, for encouraging sports among women, sports competitions are held at district, state and national levels under the scheme of National Championship for Women, presently merged with the scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida and Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA).