

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

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PROMOTING FOOTBALL/ WRESTLING AMONG WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to promote football and wrestling among women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the achievement made therein during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has any incentive policy for the sportspersons who won medals in the Olympic Games and other international sports competitions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of sportspersons benefited thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and sports discipline-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b)Madam, Government is already providing equal opportunities to all sportspersons irrespective of their gender. Promotion of sports is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments in so far as broad-basing is concerned and of National Sports Federations (NSFs) as regards achieving excellence in sports. NSFs are therefore responsible and accountable for the overall management, regulation, promotion and development of their respective disciplines. Most of the recognized NSFs undertake various programmes, for both men & women categories, such as spotting of talent, holding of the National and International events in India, selection and training of teams for participation in international events abroad, procurement of equipments etc. However for all these purposes, the NSFs are dependent upon the government for financial assistance. The Government supplements the efforts of the NSFs by providing financial assistance under the scheme of 'Assistance to NSFs', for the activities, which inter alia include the following:

- i. Holding of national championships for sub-junior, junior and senior (both men & women) categories, organization of International tournaments in India
- ii. Training and participation of sportspersons/teams in international tournaments abroad.
- iii. Procurement of sports and sports science equipments from indigenous sources or through import
- iv. Appointment of National Coach
- v. Engagement of foreign coaches/experts
- vi. Reimbursement of salary of Assistant/Joint Secretary of the NSFs.

The quantum of assistance is equal for both men and women sportspersons including football and wrestling.

The details of the financial assistance given for football and wrestling during the last three years and the current year are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No	Name of the Federation	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	TOTAL
	(upto Oct. 2012)					

1	All India Football Federation, Delhi	41.90	610.51	174.99	206.22	1033.62
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2	Wrestling Federation of India, Delhi	470.00	153.98	983.00	449.38	2056.36
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(c) & (d) The Government is already implementing the 'Scheme of Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches' for the sportspersons who have won medals in the Olympic Games and other international sports competitions. The number of sportspersons and their coaches who have been given Cash Awards under this Scheme during the last three years and current year is as follows :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	No. of Sportspersons	No. of Coaches Sportsperson Coach	Amount disbursed Total		
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2009-10	520	141	8.39	1.41	9.80
2010-11	613	145	27.45	5.95	33.40
2011-12	373	-	6.43	-	6.43
2012-13					
(upto 28 Oct. 2012)	-	2.13	-	2.13	