

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

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SPORTS COMPETITIONS AT DISTRICT /STATE LEVELS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme/plan for holding competitions at district, State and national levels to spot talents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether financial assistance is provided to selected sportspersons from the Government as well as the private sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Government of India launched a scheme called Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) in 2008-09. Under the scheme, Annual Rural Sports Competitions are held at Block, District, State and National Levels across the country. The competitions provide a good opportunity for participation to youth (both Men & Women) from grassroots level and widen the base for talent identification.

(C) & (d) Yes, Madam. Financial assistance is provided to selected sports persons from the Government under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) and Scheme Relating to Talent Search and Training (SRTS&T). Sportsperson-wise/discipline-wise detailed information from 2009-10 to 2012-13 is given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II

(i) to
(iv) respectively. The information relating to financial assistance provided to sports persons by the private sector is not maintained by this Ministry.