

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FREE EDUCATION TO SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision that any sports person who brings laurels to the country in national and international events will be provided free education upto the highest level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has approved any guidelines in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (d): Yes Sir, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched a Scheme in 2012, called the "Free Education for Sports Medal Winners/Participants of National/ International events". The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to these medal winners/eminent sports persons who are studying in Universities/Colleges leading to full time regular courses, including Post Graduate Diploma and other professional courses, and to motivate them to achieve higher levels of performance in higher education as well as in sports. A copy of the UGC guidelines is available at www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/xiiplanpdf/medal-winners-guidelines.pdf