

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

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

- (a) whether the Government provides incentives and encourage the players of football equal to cricket;
- (b) if so, the details worked out so far to encourage the talent of rural youth and attracting them to other sports;
- (c) the steps and incentives proposed to be taken/provided to the sportspersons to come into the mainstream, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated during the Twelfth Five Year Plan for providing hostels to the students of rural areas?

Answer

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

(a) Incentives provided by Govt. of India to the sportspersons in the form of cash awards, pension etc., are uniform for all sports disciplines, including football & cricket.

(b) & (c): 'Sports' being in the state list of the seventh schedule of the Constitution of India, the primary responsibility for promotion and development of sports is that of the State Governments. Primary responsibility for popularization, promotion and development of specific sports disciplines is that of the respective National Sports Federations. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments and NSFs under their various schemes such as Panchayat Yuva Krida and Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS), Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, Scheme of Talent Search & Training (TS&T), Scheme of National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), Scheme of Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches, Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons, Schemes of National Sports Awards such as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Awards, Dhyan Chand Awards, Dronacharya Awards, National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme, Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC) Scheme, SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme, Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme, Centres of Excellence (CoE) Scheme, Come & Play Scheme, etc.

(d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs has not separately allocated any funds for hostels to the students of rural areas. The hostel facilities for residential athlete trainees are part of the SAI Centres, set up across the country.