

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

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

- (a) whether the Government/National Sports Federation (NSF) proposes to promote winter sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of proposals received from the States for promotion of winter sports viz., skiing, white water rafting etc., Statewise;
- (c) the action/steps taken by the Government/NSF on the said proposals, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds released to the States during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Madam, the primary responsibility of promotion of a sport rests with the concerned recognized National Sports Federation (NSF). Government supplements the efforts of the NSFs by providing financial assistance to the NSFs for procurement of equipment and consumables, holding national/international sports events in India, participation of sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, training/ coaching of national level sportspersons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches as per the agreed Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) with the NSFs. The Winter Games Federation of India (WGF) has been recognized by the Government of India for promotion of winter sports in the country.

There is a National Sports Promotion Organization, viz., 'Ice Hockey Association of India' which promotes the sport of Ice Hockey.

Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, the Government provides financial assistance to the NSFs only and not to any State Government. Hence, no funds have been released to any State Government during the last three years. Also no proposal has been received from any State Government in this regard.