

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTS PERSONS

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

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance and State-of-the-art facilities to the sports persons participating in the National/International sports competitions and at district level competitions in rural areas;and

(b) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year, along with the number of sports persons benefited therefrom, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports provides financial assistance to National Sports Federations(NSFs) under its Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations towards participation of Indian sportspersons in international tournaments abroad, conduct of national championships and international tournaments in India, organizing coaching camps, engagement of foreign coaches, procurement of sports equipments, etc.

In terms of provisions of the said Scheme, expenditure towards boarding & lodging, travel, out of pocket allowance, etc. of the sportspersons participating in international sports events abroad and national championships is met out of the grants given by the Ministry to NSFs.

Training and coaching of sportspersons identified for nurturing and grooming for excellence in sports at national and international level under various schemes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) such as National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme, Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme, SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme, Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme and Centres of Excellence (CoE) Scheme is done at SAI centres, which have state-of-the-art sports facilities. Further, national coaching camps are organized for national level athletes at SAI and non-SAI venues having state-of-the-art facilities, prior to their participation in international sports events.

The Ministry doesn't provide assistance to sportspersons participating in district level competitions organized by sports federations. Grants are provided to States/UTs under the Panchayat Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) to organize district level rural competitions.

(b) Details of grants released to National Sports Federations under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations during the last three years and the current year are given in the Annexure.