

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

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS OTHER THAN CRICKET
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to encourage other sports besides cricket in the various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the cash incentive provided by the Government to the players engaged in various sports including Football, Hockey, Badminton, Lawn Tennis and Cricket;
- (d) the reasons for paying special attention to Cricket in comparison to other sports activities; and
- (e) the details of total amount spent by the Government during the last five years on cricket and other sports, State-wise, sport-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Development and promotion of various disciplines of sport is the responsibility of the relevant National Sports Federations (NSFs) which are autonomous in their functioning. However, the Government supplements the efforts of the NSFs by way of providing financial assistance for participation in international competitions abroad, holding international competition in India, conducting national championships, purchase of equipments, conduct of coaching camps, hiring of foreign coaches etc under the Scheme of "Assistance to the National Sports Federations."

(c) Players winning medals in various sports including Football, Hockey, Badminton & Lawn Tennis, etc., in International sports events are given special cash awards under the scheme of "Special Awards to medal winners in international sports events and their coaches". The salient features of the scheme in this regard are given below:-

Name of event Gold Medal Silver Medal Bronze Medal

(a) Seniors

(i) Olympic Games Rs. 50 lakh Rs. 30 lakh Rs. 20 lakh

(ii) Asian Games/ Rs. 20 lakh Rs. 10 lakh Rs. 6 lakh

Commonwealth Games

(ii) World Rs. 10 lakh Rs. 5 lakh Rs. 3 lakh

Championships in the
disciplines of Olympic
Games, Asian Games
and Commonwealth

Games

Asian Championships/ Rs. 3 lakh Rs. 2 lakh Rs. 1 lakh
Commonwealth
Championships

(b) World Championships (Juniors & Sub-Juniors)

(i) Juniors Rs. 2 lakhs Rs. 1.5 lakhs Rs. 1 lakh

(ii) Sub-Juniors Rs. 1 lakh Rs. 80,000 Rs. 60,000

(c) Asian and Commonwealth Championships (Juniors and Sub-Juniors)

(i) Juniors Rs. 1 lakh Rs. 80,000 Rs. 60,000

(ii) Sub-Juniors Rs. 50,000 Rs. 40,000 Rs. 30,000

For team events, the amount of the award money is dependent upon the number of players in the team. However, in no case, the award money payable to a player of the medal winning team is less than half of the award money payable to an individual medal winner.

Further, meritorious sportspersons, who have won medals in Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and World Championships in the disciplines of Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games; and Paralympic Games after they retire from active sports or after they attain the age of 30 years whichever is later, are given monthly pension at following rates under the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons:

S. No. Category of meritorious sportspersons Rate of Pension
(Rs./per month)

1 Medalists at the Olympic Games 10000

2 Gold medalists at the World Cup/World 8000
Championships in Olympic and Asian Games
disciplines

3 Silver and Bronze medalists at the 7000
World Cup/World Championships in Olympic
and Asian Games disciplines

4 Gold medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth 7000
Games

5 Silver and Bronze medalists of 6000
the Asian/Commonwealth Games

6 Gold Medalists of Para-Olympic Games 5000

7 Silver medalists of Para-Olympic Games 4000

8 Bronze Medalists of Para-Olympic Games 3000

(d)&(e) Ministry of Youth affairs and sports (MYAS) has not given special attention to cricket. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) which is responsible for promotion and development of cricket in the country, has never sought financial assistance from MYAS from the scheme of Assistance to the National Sports Federations.

NSFs are responsible for development and promotion of their respective sports in the entire country and not in a particular state. The details of funds provided by MYAS to National Sports Federations for various disciplines of sports under the Scheme of "Assistance to the National Sports Federations" during the last five years is given in the Annexure.