

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

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EQUAL REMUNERATION TO PLAYERS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State level players and National level players of Cricket are getting same remuneration;
- (b) if so, whether the Government also provides same remuneration to the State level players and National level players of Kabaddi and Kho-Kho;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to harness the talent of players at national and international level in different sports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Madam, development and promotion of various disciplines of sports including selection of sports persons is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federations (NSF) which are autonomous in their functioning. The Government only supplements the efforts of the NSFs by way of providing financial assistance for participation in international competitions abroad, holding international competitions in India, conducting national championships, purchase of equipments, conducting training/coaching of national level sports teams through Indian and foreign coaches etc. as per the provisions in the Scheme of Assistance to the NSFs. There is no provision in the said scheme for payment of remuneration to the players of any sports discipline including Cricket, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho. Any remuneration paid to cricketers is by the BCCI and not by the Govt. of India.

(d) & (e) To harness the talent of players at National and International level in different sports, the Government is providing financial assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to the NSFs. Apart from this, the Government provides financial assistance for specialized coaching of outstanding individual players through other schemes namely, Talent Search and Training and National Sports Development Fund.

In addition to the above, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following Schemes for nurturing of identified talented sportspersons:-

- (i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme
- (ii) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme
- (iii) SAI Training Centers (STC) Scheme
- (iv) Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme
- (v) Centres of Excellence (CoE) Scheme