

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

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ELITE SPORTS TALENT FUND
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has merged the BEST Fund (BCCI-NSDE Elite Sports Talent Fun
- (d) with National Sports Development Fund;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its present status and corpus; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that its funds are used for the purpose for which it had been created?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) At the time of contribution by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), it was decided to create a joint fund of the BCCI contribution and Government of India matching contribution within the NSDF. However, a separate fund was not created within the NSDF due to administrative reasons. The BCCI contribution is part of NSDF. The component of the BCCI contribution has been part of the financial assistance provided under the NSDF scheme since 2007-08 onwards. The money available in the NSDF as on 31.03.2013 is Rs. 107.38 crore.

(c) Proposals received from sportspersons and institutes/ organizations seeking financial assistance are cleared by the Executive Committee based on merit provided they fall within the ambit of the objectives of the Fund.