

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

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

- (a) whether adequate attention is not being paid for promotion of carrom;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether achievements made by sportspersons in National and International carrom sporting events are ignored and such outstanding sportspersons not conferred awards like the Arjuna Awards;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto;and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to popularize carrom in the country and to promote the same in international sporting events?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (e): Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, financial and other assistance is provided to National Sports Federations to promote and develop respective sports discipline. During the last three years the All India Caroms Federation has been provided financial assistance as under:

2006-2007 Rs. 12.69 lakh
2007-2008 Rs. 15.21 lakh
2008-2009 Rs. 19.09 lakh

National Sports Award is given to outstanding sportspersons of all recognized sports discipline including Carrom by an independent Selection Committee, duly constituted by the Government, comprising eminent sportspersons and sports administrators. The committee selects the awardees after careful evaluation of the achievements of players nominated for the award. A sportsperson of Carrom discipline was conferred with Arjuna Award in 1996.