

**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 Government has formulated any policy to provide remuneration and other facilities to State level and national level sportspersons of various sports particularly those of kabaddi, kho-kho etc. being played particularly in rural areas at par with cricketers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has any scheme to improve the performance of sportspersons of various sports in the international and national competitions by upgrading their status and providing them incentives; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the details of the works executed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not pay remuneration to players of any sports discipline. The Ministry provides financial incentives in the forms of cash awards and pension under the 'Scheme of Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches' and the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons'. Benefits of these schemes are equally applicable to the sportspersons belonging to various disciplines including kabaddi and kho-kho as per the eligibility conditions prescribed in these schemes.

(d) & (e) Various schemes are being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for promotion of excellence in sports events at national and international level.

Main schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in this regard are :-

(i) Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations

(ii) Scheme of National Sports Development Fund

Main schemes being implemented by Sports Authority of India in this regard are :-

(i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme

(ii) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme

(iii) SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme

(iv) Special Area Games (SAG)

(v) Centres of Excellence (COE) Scheme