

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTS PERSONS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance/other incentives to sports persons and coaches of various games including cricket for participating in national and international sports competitions;
- (b) if so, the number of sports persons/ coaches provided said assistance/incentive during each of the last three years and the current year, sports discipline/scheme wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the said assistance for national and international level sports persons and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated a comprehensive policy to promote sports and welfare of sports persons in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the details of the steps taken/being taken to expedite implementation of the said policy; and
- (f) the reasons for paying special attention towards cricket as compared to other sports?

Answer

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

(a) Scheme of Special Awards to medal winners in International Sports events and their coaches is already being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, under which cash awards to sportspersons and their coaches are given for the medals won in sports disciplines included in Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, etc. and in chess.

All expenses for training and participation in selected international competitions for elite athletes are borne by the Government through the 'Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations'.

(b) The number of sportspersons/coaches given cash awards during each of the last three and the current year are given in the table below:

Year Disciplines No. Sportspersons No. of Coaches

2011-12	Squash	26	-
	Swimming	28	-
	Judo	66	-
	Weightlifting	16	-
	Yachting	4	-
	Athletics	45	-
	Billiards & Snooker	7	-
	Wrestling	88	-
	Chess	16	-
	Shooting	03	-
	Boxing	01	-
	Para Sports	02	-
2012-13	Shooting	22	-
	Swimming	04	-
	Judo	01	-
	Weightlifting	52	-
	Athletics	26	-
	Kabaddi	12	-
	Wrestling	01	-
	Chess	09	-
	Boxing	17	-
	Winter sports	01	-
	Tenpin	04	-
	Rowing	24	-
	Archery	19	-
	Badminton	03	-
	Table Tennis	04	-
2013-14	Squash	17	07

Swimming - 02
 Weightlifting 50 37
 Hockey 16 -
 Kabaddi 10 -
 Wrestling 03 106
 Chess 29 -
 Boxing 09 19
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 Rowing 04 09
 Archery 12 15
 Athletics - 49
 Table Tennis - 04
 Yachting 07 -
 Fencing 05 -
 Billiards & Snooker - 07
 Para Sports - 06
 2014-15 Athletics 13 -
 Weightlifting 49 -
 Hockey 16 -
 Kabaddi 12 -
 Wrestling 11 02
 Boxing 18 -
 Judo 03 -
 Gymnastics 01 -
 Athletics 01 -
 Table Tennis 01 -
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 Billiards & Snooker 04 -
 Shooting 18 -
 Squash 01 -

(c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has revised the scheme of Special Awards to Medal Winners in Sports Events and their coaches in international sporting events on 29th January, 2015 in which amount of cash awards has been enhanced. The details of amount of cash awards payable under revised scheme are as under:

(i) Category:- Open Category Sports:

S. No.	Name of Event	Amount of Award Money (In Lakhs)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1	Olympic Games (Summer & Winter)	75 Lakh	50 Lakh	30 Lakh
2	Asian Games	30 Lakh	20 Lakh	10 Lakh
3	Common Wealth Games	30 Lakh	20 Lakh	10 Lakh
4	World Championship or World Cup (conducted in four year cycle)/All England Championship of Badminton	20 Lakh	14 Lakh	8 Lakh
6	World Championship/World Cup (Held annually)	10 Lakh	7 Lakh	4 Lakh
7	Asian Championships (Held once in 4 years)	15 Lakh	10 Lakh	5 Lakh
8	Asian Championships (Held once in 2 years)	7.5 Lakh	5 Lakh	2.5 Lakh
9	Asian Championships (Held annually)	3.75 Lakh	2.5 Lakh	1.25 Lakh
10	Commonwealth Championships (Held once in 4 years)	15 Lakh	10 Lakh	5 Lakh
11	Commonwealth Championships (Held once in 2 years)	7.5 Lakh	5 Lakh	2.5 Lakh
12	Commonwealth Championships (Held annually)	3.75 Lakh	2.5 Lakh	1.25 Lakh
13	World University Games	3.75 Lakh	2.5 Lakh	1.25 Lakh

(ii) Category:- Para- Sports:

S. No.	Name of Event	Amount of Award Money (In Lakhs)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1	Paralympic Games (Summer & Winter)	75 Lakh	50 Lakh	30 Lakh
	Para Asian Games	30 Lakh	20 Lakh	10 Lakh
2	Common Wealth Games (Para Athletes)	30 Lakh	20 Lakh	10 Lakh
3	IPC World Cup/Championship (Held biennially)	20 Lakh	14 Lakh	8 Lakh
4	IPC World Cup/Championship (Held annually)	10 Lakh	7 Lakh	4 Lakh

(iii) Category:- Blind-Sports

S. No.	Name of Event	Amount of Award Money (In Lakhs)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1	IBSA World Championship	10 Lakh	7 Lakh	4 Lakh

(iv) Category:- Deaf-Sports

S. No.	Name of Event	Amount of Award Money (In Lakhs)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal

1	Deaflympics	15 Lakh	10 Lakh	5 Lakh
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(v) Category:- Special Olympics-Sports

S. No.	Name of Event	Amount of Award Money (In Lakhs)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal

1	Special Olympics (Summer/Winter)	5 Lakh	3 Lakh	1 Lakh
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(d) & (e): The National Sports Policy, 2001 is already in existence. The salient features of the National Sports Policy 2001, are as under:

- (i) Broad-basing of sports and achievement of excellence;
- (ii) Up-gradation and development of infrastructure;
- (iii) Support to National Sports Federations and other sports
- (iv) Strengthening of scientific and coaching support to sports;
- (v) Special incentives to promote sports;
- (vi) Enhanced participation of women, scheduled tribes and rural
- (vii) Involvement of corporate sector in sports promotion; and
- (viii) Promote sports mindedness among the public at large.

Further, the Ministry is implementing the scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons, under which lump sum ex-gratia financial assistance is given to outstanding sportspersons of yesteryears, now living in indigent condition towards their medical treatment etc.

(f) The Government is not paying any special attention to promotion and development of cricket. The Ministry does not provide any financial assistance to BCCI.