

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:325
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2014
SELECTION PROCESS OF ARJUNA AWARD
Vichare Shri Rajan Baburao

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

- (a) the details of existing norms/criteria fixed for recommending/nominating eligible sportspersons for Arjuna Award and other sports award;
- (b) the details of Arjuna Award and other sports awards conferred to the sports-persons during the last one year, sports discipline-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include more sports disciplines for Arjuna Awards; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 325 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2014 REGARDING SELECTION PROCESS OF ARJUNA AWARD ASKED BY SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

(a) The details of existing norms/criteria fixed for recommending/nominating eligible sportspersons for Arjuna Award and other sports awards viz. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Dronacharya Awards and Dhyhan Chand Awards are as under:

- | S. No. | Name of the Award | Eligibility criteria |
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| 1. | Arjuna Award | A sportsperson should have had not only good performance over the previous four years at the International level but also should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline |
| 2. | Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna | The spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sports person over a period of four years immediately preceding the year during which award is to be given for excellence at international level i.e. Olympics/Asian/Commonwealth/WorldGames/Championships/ World Cup and equivalent recognized international tournaments |
| 3 | Dronacharya Award | Coach, whether he/she works full time or part time as coach, should have produced outstanding achievement over a period of four years immediately preceding the year in which the award is to be given.
For 2 awards earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching, achievements of the coach in producing outstanding sportspersons over a period of 20 years or more will be taken into account. |

4 Dhyan Chand Award A sportsperson should have had not only good performance at international level but also should have continued to contribute to promotion of sports in his individual capacity even after his career as a sportsperson is over.

A sportsperson should also have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and sense of discipline.

(b) The details of sportspersons conferred with Arjuna Awards, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Dronacharya Awards and Dhyan Chand Awards during 2014 are given in Annexure.

(c) No Madam.

(d) Does not arise