

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2727
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018**

Award to Medal Winners at International Events

**2727. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced any scheme for giving special award to the medal winners in international sports events and their coaches;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of awards given during the last three years and the current year;**
- (c) whether there is any scheme to support the sportspersons after their retirement from active sports;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to formulate a policy to honour athletes/ sportspersons winning medals in international events?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]**

(a) : Yes madam. Under the scheme of ‘Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches’, special (cash) awards are given to sportspersons and their coaches for winning medals in recognized international sports events.

(b) : The scheme of ‘Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches’ was introduced in the year 1986 to encourage and motivate outstanding sportspersons for higher achievements and to attract the younger generation to take up sports as a career.

The Ministry has revised the Scheme on 29.01.2015, in which amount of cash award to medal winning sportspersons has been substantially enhanced and the discriminatory clause of the scheme under which medal winners in closed events like Para-Olympics, Special Olympics, Championships for handicapped, Deaf, Dumb, Blind etc. was done away with and these events were included in the revised scheme.

As per further revision of scheme on 30.05.2018, the amount of cash award payable to coaches of medal winners in individual events is to be distributed among the following categories of coaches in the ratio mentioned against each:

- (i) Coach at grass root level who initially spotted the talent and groomed : 30% of the amount payable to the coaches;**
- (ii) Coach at the developmental level who further groomed and nurtured the medal winning sportspersons which would also include personal coach : 30% of the amount payable to the coaches;**
- (iii) Coach(es) at the elite level who have been part of the coaching camps or imparted training to the medal winner for at least 180 days in the preceding two year period before the event : 40% of the amount payable to coach(es)**

The details of cash award which was released in the last 3 years and the current years are :

S. No.	Year	No. of Sportspersons/ coaches benefited	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	2015-16	605	11,01,40,000/-
2.	2016-17	854	20,95,82,321/-
3.	2017-18	489	11,60,12,500/-

4.	2018-19	307	24,86,20,000/-
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(c) and (d) : Yes Madam. Under the Scheme of 'Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons', sportspersons who have won medals for the country in the international competitions only as prescribed in the aforesaid Scheme and have retired from active sports, are given lifelong pension. At present, 588 sportspersons are getting pension.

The present rates of pension are as follows :

S. No.	Category of meritorious sportspersons	Rate of Pension (Rs. per month)
1	Medallists at the Olympic Games / Para Olympic Games	20,000
2	Gold medallists at the World Cup/World Championship* in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	16,000
3	Silver and Bronze medallists at the World Cup in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	14,000
4	Gold medallists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games/Para Asian Games	14,000
5	Silver and Bronze medallists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games/ Para Asian Games	12,000

*** World Cup/World Championship held once in four year only to be considered.**

(e) : Two schemes viz. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awards are already being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. These schemes aim at honouring the sportsman for their outstanding sports achievements in international sports events.
