

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Wednesday, April 17, 1985/  
Chaitra 27, 1907 (Saka)*  
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

#### Financial Assistance to Players in Schools/Colleges

\*465. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :  
Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS  
AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any financial assistance is given by his Ministry to those students who take keen interest in games and sports in universities, colleges and schools and give excellent performance; and

(b) if so, the criteria adopted therefor and the amount of financial assistance given to them ?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS  
AND SPORTS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b)  
A statement is laid on the Table of the  
Sabha.

#### Statement

Financial assistance in the shape of scholarships is provided to those school and college/university students who show marked promise in sports, with a view to nurturing their talent and as an incentive to high endeavour.

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Such scholarships are awarded to students on the basis of their talent in sports as assessed from their actual performance in national and state-level, inter-university, etc. tournaments with reference to positions obtained by them in such tournaments. The scholar must be a bonafide full-time student and should not be employed on a job on a whole-time basis. He/she should also not be in receipt of any other sports scholarship. Besides, he/she should be of a good conduct and have passed the last annual examination.

At the university and college level, 100 national-level scholarships of the value of Rs. 1200/- per annum each are awarded annually. For school students 400 national-level scholarships of the value of Rs. 900 per annum each and 800 state level scholarships of the value of Rs. 600/- per annum each are awarded. These are in addition to renewal of scholarships which is done if the awardee maintains or improves his/her performance in the following year.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, 100 national level scholarships at University and college level, 400 national level scholarships and 800 State level scholarships at school level are granted to students who are talented in sports and games. I would like to ask the hon. Minister when this scheme was introduced and what the number of students who are receiving scholarships is at present at national, State and University level respectively ?

[*English*]

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH :  
This was started in 1970-71. I have got the figures for two years. In 1983-84, the number of students of the University and College levels was 197, and in 1984-85, it was 192. The number of students

of school level was 1627 in 1983-84 and 1733 in 1984-85.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :** The reason for our country's dismal performance in the Olympics is that government have not been able even to sanction full scholarships at the national and State levels ever since this scheme was introduced in 1971. What are the reasons for giving scholarships to such a small number of students in a country of India's size ?

The second point is that the prices have registered a hundred per cent increase since you started this scheme and fixed the amount of scholarship, where as you continue to give the same amount of scholarship. Can you expect India to project a good image in the world of sports in the Olympics in these circumstances ?

[*English*]

**SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH :** The proposal for not only increasing the number of scholarships, but also for increasing the value of the scholarship is on and the Department is considering it.

**MR. SPEAKER :** You mean, you are considering it.

**SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :** When you have fixed 400 and 800 at Central and State levels.....

**MR. SPEAKER :** He has replied to both.

**SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :** They have fixed 400 at Central level and 800 at State level. But we have reached only 30 per cent of that level. That is the point.

**SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH:** I think I have answered the point. We are thinking of increasing both the number of scholarships as well as the value.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Do it faster.

**KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE :** In West Bengal, students and youth are

very much interested in celebrating the International Youth Year in the local clubs through various programmes. But due to lack of money, this section of youth are not getting a chance to fulfil their activities. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government has any proposal for giving financial assistance to the registered clubs which are seriously interested in celebrating the International Youth Year through various performances and which are also trying to organise the local clubs for international events like Olympics.

**SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH :** For the International Youth Year, we have a different scheme. But I think the question needs due notice.

**SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA :** The hon. Minister has given us the number of students. Out of that, I would like to know, how many are woman students.

**SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH:** The break-up figure is available here. For 1984-85, at the university level, the number of women is 99 out of a total of 192 and at the school level almost 50 per cent are girls.

**SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK :** Apart from the various schemes which are in force, I would like to know whether the Government intends to enact a central legislation to give facilities for youth on a permanent basis.

**SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH:** The idea is noted Sir,

**MR. SPEAKER :** Shri Rao.

**SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI :** Question No. 473 may also be taken up along with Question No. 466. They are on the same subject.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Any objection ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) :** No objection, Sir.