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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2017

Encouragement and training to women players from various States

1120. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that the women of our country have won laurels for the country in the field of sports;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for encouraging and giving training to the women players from various States in the field of various sports; and

(c) Whether Government has formulated any action plan for identifying and nurturing the sporting talents from rural areas of various States, the details thereof ?

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

(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): Yes, Sir. Women sportspersons of the country have made the country proud by winning a number of medals in international sports events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

(b): Based on standard of Indian athletes / teams at International level and their probability to win medal or give respectable performance at International level, sports disciplines are identified in four categories i.e. High Priority, Priority, General and Others.

Under the scheme of "Assistance to National Sports Federations", identified promising sportspersons/teams irrespective of their gender are provided with all the requisite facilities for their preparations, such as wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, equipments, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging & travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches / Supporting staff, Scientific & Medical supports, Sports Kit etc. besides financial assistance for their abroad training and participation in International Competitions in India and abroad. In

addition the Government also provides financial assistance to the athletes and their coaches who brought laurels to the country by winning medals at the recognized international competitions under the scheme of Special Award (Cash Award).

Government is also providing financial assistance to meritorious sportspersons irrespective of gender under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) and Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme for customised training/coaching under national / international coaches, participation in international tournaments held in India and abroad, purchase of sports equipment etc.

(c) To promote sports in the country, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the various sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons including women in the age group of 8-25 years and to nurture them to excel at National and International competitions:

- National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)

i) Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA)

ii) Akharas

- Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
- SAI Training Centre (STC)
- Special Area Games (SAG)
- Extension Centre of STC/SAG
- Centre of Excellence (CoE)
- National Sports Academies (NSA)

The sports person including women trainees identified and trained under SAI Schemes are provided with financial benefits in the form of services of expert coaches, indoor and outdoor Playfields, Sports Equipment (Consumable and Non-Consumable), Boarding & Lodging, Sports Kit, Competition Exposure, Educational Expenses, Medical / Insurance and Stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

In order to provide women conducive environment, SAI has also established three SAI training centres exclusively for women sports person at Badal (Punjab), Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh) and Medikeri (Karnataka).

Further, the component of "Sports for Women" has been given Special emphasis in revamped Khelo India – National programme for development of sports in India.

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