

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

RAJYA SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 284
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

Increasing incentives for sportspersons

*284. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

- (a) whether there is an increase of ₹ 4.77 crores for incentives to the sportspersons;
- (b) how many additional sportspersons can be covered in the increased amount of ₹ 4.77 crores; and
- (c) whether the incentives and the sports facilities that are available are enough to motivate the sportspersons to elevate their quality and standard to compete in the international arena and bring results?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 284 FOR ANSWER ON 21.03.2018 REGARDING "INCREASING INCENTIVES FOR SPORTSPERSONS" BY SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

(a) Yes sir, there is an increase of Rs. 4.87 crore in the budgetary allocation for incentives to sportspersons during 2018-19 as compared to that of financial year 2017-18.

(b) The number of sportspersons which can be covered under the increased budgetary allocation for incentives to sportspersons will depend on number of medals won, type of Championships, cycle of the Championships, as the amount of special cash award under the Scheme of Special Cash Award to medal winners in international sports events and their coaches and the amount of pension under Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons, is different for different international events.

(c) Yes, the existing incentives and sports facilities are adequate enough to motivate the sportspersons to elevate their performance to compete in international sports events. Further, augmentation of sports infrastructure and sports facilities, both in terms of quantity and quality, is an on-going process.
