

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1594
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018**

Helping former players in economic crisis

†1594. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA :

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV :

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

- (a) whether there is any national or international regulator to help the former players in economic crisis;
- (b) whether Government will constitute a Commission to fill up sports quota in various Departments and provide employment to willing sportspersons in a given time-frame; and
- (c) whether any record is being maintained to ensure that no sportsperson, who have won medal for the country suffers from economic crisis ?

ANSWER

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

(a) : There is no official regulator to help the former players in economic crisis. However, the Ministry is operating the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) scheme for providing financial assistance to sportspersons who had brought glory to the country in sports and are now living in indigent circumstances.

(b) : There is no such proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. There are already instructions in existence on appointment of sportspersons against sports quota vacancies in Central Government Offices. Additionally, recently workshops

have been conducted to educate players to plan their future and learn skills to organise events and workshops etc.

(c): All medalists of Olympic Games / Paralympics Games, World Cup/World Championship in the Olympic Games and Asian Games disciplines, Asian Games / Para Asian Games and Commonwealth Games are eligible for lifetime monthly pension after they retire from active sports and attain the age of 30 years, whichever is later. Sportspersons are getting lifelong pension under the scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons.

Whenever the Ministry comes to know about poor economic condition of sportspersons of yesteryears through any source, the Ministry renders financial assistance under the scheme of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.
