

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No.173
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022

Details of enquiry made by Oversight Committee

***173 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the recent allegations on the President of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), if so, the details of the enquiry made by the Oversight Committee appointed in this regard; and

(b) whether Government plans to create a new administrative committee for the WFI, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]

(a) & (b): The Statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *173 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023 REGARDING
“DETAILS OF ENQUIRY MADE BY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE” ASKED BY SMT.
PHULO DEVI NETAM, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA**

(a) & (b): The Government is aware of the recent allegation on the President of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI). As the matter pertained to the well-being of the athletes, the Ministry immediately took note of the allegations and instructed the Executive Committee of WFI to abstain, as an interim measure, from administering and managing the day-to-day activities of the Federation. Further, as a purely interim measure, the Government had appointed an Oversight Committee headed by Ms. M.C. Mary Kom, Major Dhyanchand Khel Ratna Awardee and Olympic Medallist, to enquire into the allegations of sexual misconduct, harassment and / or intimidation, financial irregularities and administrative lapses, levelled by prominent sportspersons; and to undertake day-to-day administration of WFI. The six-member Oversight Committee of WFI includes four sportspersons as its members, out of which Shri Yogeshwar Dutt and Ms. Babita Phogat are prominent wrestlers. On the request of the Oversight Committee the term of the committee has been extended by two weeks.
