

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2708**  
ANSWERED ON- 23/03/2023

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTSMEN**

2708 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) whether Government provides financial assistance to sportsmen/athletes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount disbursed so far during the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) if not, whether Government has received any requests from any sportsmen/athletes for financial assistance; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by Government on such requests?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (d) The Government implements the scheme of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) for providing financial assistance to sportsmen/athletes with the following objectives:

- (i) To provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons now living in indigent circumstances;
- (ii) To provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons injured during the period of their training for competitions and also during the competitions, depending on the nature of the injury;
- (iii) To provide suitable assistance to sportspersons for medical treatment;
- (iv) To provide suitable assistance to promote welfare of sportspersons generally in order to alleviate distress among them and their dependents in indigent circumstances;
- (v) To provide assistance to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances for training, procurement for sports equipment, participation in national and international sports events etc.

Funds are allocated in the Ministry Scheme-wise, not State-wise. However, the details of the amount disbursed during the last five years under the scheme of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons on the basis of requests received from sportspersons/ athletes are given below:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries</b>	<b>Amount Released (in Rs.)</b>
1.	2021-22	55	1,56,52,810/-
2.	2020-21	38	1,36,48,000/-
3.	2019-20	16	63,32,415/-
4.	2018-19	12	66,00,000/-
5.	2017-18	06	25,37,500/-

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