

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-957
ANSWERED ON 09/02/2023

COMPLAINTS AGAINST CHIEF OF WRESTLING FEDERATION OF INDIA

957.DR.SANTANU SEN:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that complaints of sexual harassment have been raised by the players against the Chief of Wrestling Federation of India, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the action taken by Government on this matter;
- (c) the details of the measures taken by Government for the mental health safety of the players in last five years, year-wise, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and utilized on mental health of sports players in the last five years, year-wise, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) Some wrestlers staged protest/ dharna levelling allegations of sexual harassment, arbitrariness and mismanagement in the functioning of the 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 has 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.

(c) & (d): Under Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), there is a provision to engage scientific support staff including mental health professionals such as Psychologists with the Indian players during National Coaching camps, international exposures/ competitions etc. Salary upto Rs. 1 Lakh (Full time per month basis) and Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis) is payable to psychologists engaged by NSFs.

NSFs have been encouraged to engage psychologists and mental health professionals. In coaching camps, psychologist and mental health professionals are present to provide requisite support and guidance to players.

Further, a 24*7 call centre is run by Sports Authority of India (SAI) to address any issues/grievances of the sportspersons.

SAI has issued detailed instructions on 15 June 2022 to NSFs to ensure safe and positive environment in sport by making all stakeholders aware that there is an expectation, at all times, of appropriate behavior consistent with the core values of sportsmanship and appropriate moral conduct. The following measures have also been advised for compliance: -

- a. Woman coach to be a mandatory part of any contingent with female athletes during domestic/international camps and competition exposures.
- b. Compliance Officer to be appointed in all National Coaching Camps and Foreign Exposures for communicating regularly with athletes and others to ensure that the guidelines are being followed as well as enforced as per the Standard Operating Procedure on prevention of sexual harassment in sports and also ensuring reporting of violation to the responsible authorities.
- c. Pre-camp sensitization modules to be designed and presented to all athletes, coaches and support staff together before commencement of any National Coaching Camp and Foreign Exposure.
- d. Increasing the strength of women Coaches/Support Staff in National Coaching Camps by respective NSFs.

There is no specific allocation of budget for engagement of psychologists. However, details of expenditure, which include expenses on remuneration of psychologists, during last 5 years under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs is given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE referred to in reply to parts (c) and (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 957 for answer on 9.2.2023 regarding 'Complaints against Chief of Wrestling Federation of India' by Dr. Santanu Sen, Member of Parliament

(Rupees in crore)						
S. No.	Discipline	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
1	Indian PencakSilat Federation	0.03	0.60	0.19	-	0.17
2	Archery Association of India	6.32	8.00	10.00	4.00	9.29
3	Athletics Federation of India	22.94	32.00	34.00	15.00	19.39
4	Badminton Association of India	5.99	15.00	17.00	8.00	12.30
5	Ball Badminton Federation of India	-	0.19	0.32	-	0.01
6	Gymnastics Federation of India	1.09	1.70	1.76	-	0.49
7	Boxing Federation of India	4.84	36.00	35.00	15.00	17.40
8	National Rifle Association of India	9.63	31.00	19.00	12.00	11.05
9	Special Olympic Bharat	1.01	0.59	4.34	0.38	0.31
10	Cycling Federation of India	1.06	7.19	5.70	2.01	4.36
11	Swimming Federation of India	1.72	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.33
12	Equestrian Federation of India	0.01	0.91	-	1.00	1.07
13	Hockey India	9.15	23.00	26.00	13.00	25.21
14	Volleyball Federation of India	0.16	0.86	2.04	0.14	0.11
15	Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India	0.29	1.55	0.45	-	0.01
16	Indian Weightlifting Federation	2.80	6.00	11.00	3.00	8.54
17	Wushu Federation of India	1.05	3.97	2.39	0.62	0.14
18	Yachting Association of India	1.74	4.16	4.57	1.38	2.85
19	Amateur Baseball Federation of India	-	0.19	0.32	-	-
20	Sepaktakraw Federation of India	0.77	4.98	1.69	0.88	0.34
21	All India Chess	1.90	3.91	4.83	-	1.21

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22	Table Tennis Federation of India	3.26	6.00	8.00	2.00	3.47
23	Kho Kho Federation of India	-	1.02	0.22	1.42	1.51
24	Amateur Soft Tennis Federation of India	-	0.19	0.36	0.17	0.15
25	All India Tennis Association	0.50	1.50	1.67	1.31	0.10
26	Paralympic Committee of India	3.30	4.06	6.37	1.91	2.11
27	Basketball Federation of India	0.55	1.45	3.91	2.07	3.19
28	Rowing Federation of India	0.84	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.63
29	Billiards & Snookers Federation of India	0.61	1.35	1.43	-	0.29
30	Indian Olympic Association	-	15.61	-	2.59	0.01
31	Judo Federation of India	0.81	3.00	4.00	2.00	9.44
32	Bridge Federation of India	0.17	0.63	1.50	0.33	0.56
33	Lawn Bowling	0.64	0.28	-	-	-
34	Squash Racket Federation of India	2.17	1.88	1.16	0.25	0.06
35	All India Sports Council of the Deaf	1.16	0.88	1.07	-	0.05
36	Fencing Association of India	0.90	2.95	1.92	-	3.87
37	All India Football Federation	8.33	11.70	13.55	5.26	4.26
38	Ten-Pin Bowling Federation of India	-	0.48	0.03	-	-
39	Indian Golf Union	0.48	1.06	0.48	-	0.30
40	Handball Federation of India	0.70	1.21	1.53	0.02	0.35
41	Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association	1.17	3.73	2.22	2.10	0.09
42	Wrestling Federation of India	6.05	23.00	24.00	11.00	18.21
43	Karate Association of India	-	0.46	0.00	-	-
44	AtyaPatya Federation of India	-	0.22	0.22	-	-
45	Cycle Polo Federation of India	-	0.12	0.21	0.02	-

46	Netball Federation of India	-	0.09	0.21	0.10	0.08
47	TenniKoit Federation of India	-	0.07	0.30	0.14	0.01
48	School Games Federation of India	0.03	0.05	-	-	-
49	Indian Rugby Football Union	-	0.05	0.38	0.03	0.75
50	Softball Association of India	-	0.05	0.18	-	-
51	TAEKWONDO	0.06	-	0.25	0.17	0.52
52	All India Carrom Federation	-	-	0.17	-	-
53	Int. Wheelchair Basketball Fed. of India	-	-	0.15	-	-
54	Mallakhamb Federation of India	-	-	0.19	-	0.07
55	Roller Skating Federation of India	-	0.15	0.22	0.22	0.22
56	Shooting Ball Federation of India	-	-	0.22	0.22	0.05
57	Tennis Ball Cricket Federation of India	-	-	0.06	0.09	0.05
58	Kudo International Federation of India	-	-	-	-	-
59	National Yogasana Sports Federation	-	-	-	-	0.75
60	Roll Ball Federation of India	-	-	-	-	0.07