

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-156
ANSWERED ON- 20/07/2023

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund (PDUNWF)

156 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

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

- (a) whether Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund (PDUNWF) has been set up by Government to provide assistance to sportspersons in the country and if so, the objectives thereof;
- (b) state-wise and sports-wise number of sportspersons benefitted from this fund during last five years and criteria adopted for determining the amount of assistance from this fund;
- (c) whether Government is aware that a number of medalists are in financially miserable condition and suffering from different diseases; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to provide financial assistance to such sports persons from this fund?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) Yes Sir. The Government implements the scheme of 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons' (PDUNWFS) 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.

(b) The information about state-wise and sports-wise number of sportspersons benefitted from this fund during last five years is available on the Department's website <https://yas.nic.in>.

(c) and (d) Financial assistance upto Rs. 5.00 Lakh for outstanding sportspersons living in indigent circumstances and upto Rs. 10.00 Lakh for medical treatment to sportspersons or family members is provided under the scheme of PDUNWFS.