

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-959**  
ANSWERED ON- 27/07/2023

**GRANTS TO CONSTRUCT MULTI-ACTIVITY SPORTS STADIA**

959. SHRI P. WILSON:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has plans to give grants to construct a multi-activity sports stadium, in each of the States to encourage athletes and enable the sports activities across the country;
- (b) the reasons for which the Ministry does not telecast national sports events for free in order to encourage the sports lovers to watch without monetary hindrances; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Doordarshan (DD) has a dedicated channel for telecasting programs related to sports and sporting events. The Government telecasts sporting events of national importance as notified by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting such as Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Cricket, Football and Hockey World Cups, Women sports and sports for differently abled etc., on DD Free Dish platform, without any cost to the viewers, to ensure that games of national importance have maximum reach and it serves the purpose of promoting sports culture in the country.

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