

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1426
ANSWERED ON 14/12/2023

EMPLOYMENT TO RETIRED YOUTH PLAYERS

1426. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

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

- (a) the measures taken by the Ministry to provide employment to retired youth players; and
- (b) the number of such persons who have been provided employment during the last five years, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (b): The Government of India provides reservation of upto 5% of direct recruit vacancies in Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' for meritorious sportspersons as per "Sports Quota Policy" framed and regulated by Department of Personnel & Training (DoP&T) in consultation with all concerned stakeholders including the Department of Sports. Besides, Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, also provides opportunity to Olympians and Paralympians to join as coaches in SAI. SAI has a separate cadre of Coaches with sanctioned strength of 1524 as tabulated below:

S.N.	Category	No. of Post	Pay Level
1.	High Performance Coach	50	Level – 13
2.	Chief Coach	100	Level – 12
3.	Sr. Coach	200	Level – 11
4.	Coach	400	Level – 10
5.	Assistant Coach	774	Level – 6
	Total	1524	

Out of 774 Assistant Coaches, 5% (39 posts) are reserved for Olympians and 1% (8 posts) for Paralympians at the entry grade. Out of 400 Coaches, 3% (12 posts) are reserved for Medal Winning Olympians or those have represented in two Olympic Games and 2% (8 posts) are for medal winning Paralympians or who have represented in two Para Olympics. So far, 859 Coaches have been employed in SAI on Regular, Contract and Deputation basis.

Further, under the component Khelo India Centre (KIC) of the Khelo India Scheme, an effective sports training mechanism has been worked out wherein 'Past Champion Athletes' are engaged as Coaches and Mentors for young and budding athletes. So far, 820 Past Champion Athletes have been engaged as Coaches to train and mentor the athletes in 1000 Khelo India Centres across the country.
