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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
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FREE MEDICAL FACILITIES TO PLAYERS

1437 # Shri Narhari Amin:

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

- (a) whether any special scheme is being run by Government to provide free medical facilities to players;
- (b) if so, the eligibility conditions prescribed for the players to avail the benefits under the said Scheme;
- (c) the number of players having availed benefits from this Scheme so far in the country;
- (d) the total number of beneficiary players from the State of Gujarat under this Scheme; and
- (e) the details thereof ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b): The Government of India implements the scheme of 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons' (earlier 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons'). It provides financial assistance upto Rs.10.00 Lakh for medical treatment and for injuries sustained during training for and participation in Sports competitions to sportspersons. The eligibility conditions prescribed for the players to avail the benefits under the scheme is as follows:

Retired sportsperson who has won medals in the National Games or National Championships in the Senior category conducted by National Sports Federations(NSFs), recognized by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports,

OR

One who has participated in International sports events like the Olympic Games, Paralympics, Deaflympics, Asian Games, Para Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Cup/World Championship, Asian Championship and Commonwealth Championship in the senior category provided that, the recognized NSF for the respective sports discipline recognises the competition or the athlete represented the country in the competition as a part of the Indian contingent selected by the respective NSF.

(c) to (e) The number of sportspersons who have availed benefits from this Scheme are available on the Department's website <https://yas.nic.in/>
