

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 115
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2024

**IMPARTING SKILLS TO SPORTSPERSONS TO IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY
PROSPECTS**

*115. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government has made an assessment for imparting skills to sportspersons who are no longer active in sports by identifying them so that their employability prospects improve; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (B) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 115 FOR REPLY ON 01.08.2024 REGARDING IMPARTING SKILLS TO SPORTSPERSONS TO IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY PROSPECTS ASKED BY SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH.

(a) to (b): Under the Human Resource Development in Sports (HRDS) scheme of the Ministry, fellowship is offered for advanced/specialized training of short term and long-term modules/workshops/course/programmes in India as well as abroad in various sports science disciplines having relevance to sports, for further development of skills.

Further, a programme called the Retired Sports Persons Empowerment Training (RESET) has been formulated to support retired athletes for their career development, by making them more employable by providing them with training & skills, and also for bridging the skill gap in our sports eco-system. This programme aims to empower them with the necessary knowledge and skills and helps to pursue education and skill development programmes through education, career planning, guidance, employment support and networking opportunities.

Moreover, across the country, local Past Champion Athletes (PCA) have been engaged to coach sports persons at the Khelo India Centres set up at the district level under the Khelo India Scheme. A total of 918 PCAs (683 Males and 235 Females) are working as coaches in these Khelo India Centres.

Besides the above, posts are also reserved for Olympians and Paralympians for recruitment to the post of coaches in the Sports Authority of India, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry.
