

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-3838
ANSWERED ON- 03/04/2025

YOUNGEST FIDE RATED CHESS PLAYER

3838 SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a four years old Anish Sarkar of Kolkata is the youngest FIDE rated chess player in the world;
- (b) if so, whether Government has made any roadmap to promote Anish with financial and logistic support;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a) Shri Anish Sarkar is the youngest chess player to receive the FIDE Standard rating at the age of 1375 days.
- (b) to (d) Promotion of specific sports discipline is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF). For promotion and development of Chess at national level the Government has recognized All India Chess Federation (AICF) as the NSF. The Government supplements the efforts of recognised NSFs, including the AICF, by providing financial assistance towards training of athletes, which includes all requisite facilities for their preparations including wholesome nutritious diet, equipment support, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches / supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc. Financial assistance for training, preparation and participation of chess players in national and international events is provided in terms of the Annual Calendar of Training & Competitions (ACTC) under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.
