

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3840**  
ANSWERED ON- 03/04/2025

**Cash Awards for junior athletes**

3840 Shri Mohammed Nadimul Haque:

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

(a) whether Government has officially withdrawn cash awards for junior athletes winning medals in international events, if so, the rationale behind this policy shift; and

(b) whether any studies or assessments have been conducted to determine the impact of cash incentives on junior athletes' long-term performance, motivation, and transition to the senior level, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. The Scheme of Cash Award to Medal Winners in International Sports Event and their Coaches was reviewed and the revised scheme namely, Cash Incentives to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches, was published on 01.02.2025. The amendments, including the withdrawal of cash incentives at the junior level, were examined and finalized after consultations with stakeholders, experts from the Sports Authority of India, and officials from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

No study or assessment has been conducted to determine the impact of cash incentives on junior athletes.

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