

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1528

TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2017

Honours for International Event Winning Players

1528. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM :

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

(a) whether the Government has taken note of shabby treatment accorded to the world cup winning Kabaddi team on their return to the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken against those held responsible;

(c) whether such instances of mistreatment of athletes winning international events have been recurring in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to formulate a policy to honour such athletes in the country who win laurels in international events?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)**

(a): No Madam, Kabaddi World Cup Tournament was held in Ahmedabad in India in 2016 which was won by India. The winning Indian Kabaddi team members were felicitated by the Minister of State (Independent

Charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports himself in New Delhi on 03.11.2016.

(b), (c) & (d): In view of reply part (a) above, the questions do not arise.

(e) : The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports honours the athletes in the country who win laurels in international events by way of giving them National Sports Awards such as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards, Arjuna Awards, Dronacharya Awards and Dhyanchand Awards and providing them financial incentives in the forms of cash awards and pensions under the “Scheme of Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches” and the “Scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons”.
