

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2989
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018**

Stipend for Players

2989. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has taken a decision to provide a stipend/allowance for sports persons; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the procedure for getting such allowance**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
{COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)}**

(a) &(b): The trainees selected on non residential basis are being provided stipend of Rs 6,000/- per head per annum in addition to sports kit, competition exposure and insurance in Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres. The amount of stipend is paid through electronic transfer system.

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has also formulated a programme namely, Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme with the aim to identify, groom and prepare potential medal prospects for Olympic & Paralympic Games. The athletes under the Scheme are identified through a process of research and in consultation with the concerned stakeholders. Benchmark for selection of these athletes

under the scheme is their performance in relation to the international standard. The selected athletes are provided financial assistance from National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for their customized training at Institutes having world class facilities and other necessary support. Government has decided to give 'Out of Pocket Allowance' (OPA) from National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) to the Athletes selected under TOP Scheme. The rate of OPA is Rs. 50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty thousand only) per month and it is admissible with effect from September 2017 or from subsequent months of selection of the Athletes whichever is later. The NSDF has released so far a sum of Rs. 314.50 Lacs towards OPA to 175 Athletes under TOP Scheme for the period from September to December 2017.
