

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

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. †*186
ANSWERED ON 14.03.2023**

Financial Assistance to Sportspersons

†*186. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing financial assistance to the sportspersons;**
- (b) if so, the details of such assistance provided to sportspersons during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and sport-wise;**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the financial assistance to national and international level sportspersons; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to attract sportspersons by providing incentives commensurate with the existing conditions?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION †*186 FOR ANSWER ON 14.03.2023 'REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTSPERSONS' ASKED BY SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

(a) to (b) Yes Sir. The Government implements the followings schemes for providing financial assistance to the sportspersons:

1. The scheme of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) is being implemented with the following objectives:

(i) To provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons now living in indigent circumstances;

(ii) To provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons injured during the period of their training for competitions and also during the competitions, depending on the nature of the injury;

(iii) To provide suitable assistance to sportspersons for medical treatment;

(iv) To provide suitable assistance to promote welfare of sportspersons generally in order to alleviate distress among them and their dependents in indigent circumstances;

(v) To provide assistance to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances for training, procurement for sports equipment, participation in national and international sports events etc.

The details and the number of sportspersons who have benefitted from the Fund along with the quantum of funds provided to them during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and sport- wise is given at Annexure-I.

2. Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), the Government provides assistance to India's top athletes in their preparations for Olympic and Paralympic Games. Out of pocket allowance (OPA) is paid @Rs. 50,000/- per month to Core group athletes. Apart from OPA, entire expenditure for the training plan submitted by the

sportsperson, which is considered and approved by Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), is met under TOPS. At present, 98 individual athletes as core group have been selected under the scheme. Also, Under Development Group to ensure a focused approach in India's Olympic preparation the talent identification of 165 best sporting talents has been completed. TOPS Development Group athletes are receiving OPA of Rs. 25,000/- per month and customized training support at National Centre of Excellence (NCOE).

The details of such assistance provided to sportspersons during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and sport-wise is attached as Annexure -II.

- 3. Under Khelo India scheme, talented athletes selected from various avenues like Khelo India Games, National Championships conducted by the respective National Sports Federations (NSFs) etc. in 21 sports disciplines (including para sports) are provided sports scholarship in the form of financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 /- Per month as Out of Pocket allowance (OPA).**

(c) to (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes to increase financial assistance to national and international level sportspersons and to attract sportspersons by providing incentives commensurate with the existing conditions:

- 1. Scheme of Cash Awards to Winners in International sports events and their Coaches- The objective of the Cash Awards is to incentivize the achievements of outstanding sportspersons, encourage and motivate them for higher achievements and to act as inspiring role models for attracting the younger generation to take up sports.**

- 2. National Sports Awards:**

(i) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award introduced in 1991-92 to recognize the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four years immediately preceding the year. The awardees are given a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and award money of ₹25 lakhs.

(ii) Arjuna Award was instituted in 1961 and is given to players who have exhibited good performance consistently for the previous four years at the international level and have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline. The awardees are given a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and award money of ₹15 lakhs.

(iii) Dronacharya Award was instituted in 1985 to honour eminent coaches who have done outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and enabled sportspersons to excel in International events and to motivate coaches to dedicate themselves with a singularity of purpose of raising the standard of sportspersons to highest performance in International events and thus bring glory to the country. The awardees are given a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of ₹15 lakhs (lifetime) and ₹10 lakhs (Regular).

(iv) Dhyan Chand Award was instituted in 2002 to honour those sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and continue to contribute to promotion of sports even after their retirement from active sporting career. The awardees are given a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and award money of ₹10 lakh.

(v) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy was instituted as a running trophy in 1956-57 and is given to top overall performing university which has given the best all round performance during the year of award in the inter-university tournament. The winner receives a replica of the Trophy, a certificate and a cash prize of ₹15 lakhs. First runner up and second runner up universities receives cash prize of ₹ 7.5 lakhs and ₹ 4.5 lakhs respectively

(vi) Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar was established in 2009 and is awarded to Corporates, voluntary organizations, Sports Control Boards, NGOs, Sports bodies at State and National level for promotion and development of Sports in four categories (a) Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent (b) Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility (c) Employment of sportspersons and sports welfare measures (d) Sports for Development.

3. Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportsperson- The objective of the scheme is to provide assured monthly income through annuity to outstanding sportspersons that has become imperative due to the fact that sportspersons spend prime of their youth in pursuit of intensive training, sacrificing other beneficial opportunities normally available. The assured monthly income will be a compensation for the opportunities spurned by them in pursuit of their high ambition and achievement in sports. Under the scheme monthly pension ranging from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 20,000/- is provided to the ex-sportsperson.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) and (B) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION †*186 FOR ANSWER ON 14.03.2023 'REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTSPERSONS' ASKED BY SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

S. No.	Financial Year	State/UT	No. of Sportspersons	Sports Discipline	Amount (in Rs)	
1.	2019-20	Assam	1	Archery	1,62,415	
2.		Delhi	1	Football	4,00,000	
3.		Haryana	1	Wushu	1,00,000	
4.		Haryana	1	Wrestling	1,00,000	
5.		Jammu & Kashmir	2	(Para) Basketball	6,50,000	
6.		Karnataka	1	Badminton	10,00,000	
7.		Kerala	1	Volleyball	2,50,000	
8.		Punjab	1	Athletics	1,50,000	
9.		Rajasthan	1	Archery	5,00,000	
10.		Tamil Nadu	1	Athletics	2,20,000	
11.		Telangana		1	Para	5,00,000
12.				1	Ball	5,00,000
13.				1	Archery	3,00,000
14.		Uttar Pradesh		1	Shooting	5,00,000
15.				1	Athletics	10,00,000
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17.	2020-21	Andhra Pradesh	1	Para	5,00,000	
18.				Athletics		
19.			1	Deaf Tennis	2,50,000	
20.		Bangalore	1	Badminton	10,00,000	
21.		Bihar	1	Shooting	2,50,000	
22.		Chhattisgarh	1	Mini Golf	45,000	
23.		Delhi		1	Archery	5,00,000
24.				2	Athletics	5,50,000
25.				1	Hockey	10,00,000

26.	2021-22		2	Wrestling	7,10,000	
27.			1	Football	2,50,000	
28.		Haryana	1	Wushu	5,00,000	
29.			1	Skiing	2,50,000	
30.			5	Wrestling	12,00,000	
31.		Jammu	1	Pencaksilat	80,000	
32.		Jharkhand	1	Cyclist	2,50,000	
33.			1	Badminton	5,00,000	
34.		Karnataka	1	Athletics	2,50,000	
35.		Madhya Pradesh	1	Wrestling	2,50,000	
36.		Maharashtra	1	Body Building	2,00,000	
37.			1	Badminton	5,13,000	
38.		Manipur	2	Football	10,00,000	
39.		Punjab	1	Para Athletics	2,50,000	
40.			1	Athletics	6,00,000	
41.		Rajasthan	1	Athletics	2,50,000	
42.			1	Shooting	2,50,000	
43.		Uttar Pradesh	1	Boxing	5,00,000	
44.			1	Athletics	5,00,000	
45.			1	Archery	5,00,000	
46.			1	Netball	2,50,000	
47.			1	Shooting	250000	
48.		West Bengal	1	Shooting	250000	
49.		2021-22	Ahmedabad	1	Soft Tennis	2,50,000
50.			Assam	1	Athletics	2,50,000
51.			Bhopal	1	Hockey	2,50,000
52.			Bihar	1	Karate	2,50,000
53.				1	Para Athletics	2,50,000
54.				1	Wushu	1,00,000
55.			Chhattisgarh	2	Softball	1,96,000
56.			Delhi	1	Hockey	5,00,000
57.				1	Pencaksilat	2,50,000
58.				1	Taekwondo	1,50,900
59.				1	Judo	250,000
60.			Haryana	7	Football	24,66,000
61.				1	Power Lifting	5,00,000
62.			Jammu	1	Taekwondo	2,00,000

63.		Jharkhand	2	Football	5,00,000	
64.		Karnataka	1	Power Lifting	2,50,000	
65.			1	Badminton	2,42,000	
66.			1	Judo	97,910	
67.			1	Kabaddi	2,00,000	
68.			2	Para Athletics	5,00,000	
69.			Maharashtra	1	Gymnastics	5,00,000
70.		1		Hockey	6,50,000	
71.		1		Fencing	4,00,000	
72.		1		Wrestling	250,000	
73.		Manipur	4	Football	9,00,000	
74.		Mumbai	1	Gymnastics	2,50,000	
75.		New Delhi	1	Archery	250,000	
76.		Pune	1	Wushu	2,50,000	
77.		Punjab	1	Football	2,50,000	
78.			1	Para Athletics	3,00,000	
79.			1	Hockey	500,000	
80.		Tamil Nadu	1	Table Tennis	2,50,000	
81.		Uttar Pradesh	1	Hockey	5,00,000	
82.			1	Para Shooter	5,00,000	
83.			1	Ju jitsu	2,50,000	
84.			1	Gymnastics	2,50,000	
85.			1	Taekwondo	250,000	
86.			1	Table Tennis	250,000	
87.			1	Karate	250,000	
88.			1	Shooting	2,50,000	
89.			West Bengal	1	Football	2,50,000
90.				1	Para Athletics	250,000
91.		1		Chess	250,000	
92.	2022-23 (as on 09.03.23)	Andhra Pradesh	1	Power Lifting	2,50,000	
93.		Arunachal Pradesh	1	Karate	1,50,000	
94.		Assam	1	Hockey	1,00,000	
95.		Bangalore	1	Hockey	2,50,000	
96.		Bihar	1	Karate	1,50,000	

97.		Chandigarh	1	Para Table Tennis	1,25,000	
98.			2	Karate	100,000	
99.		Delhi	2	Athletics	5,00,000	
100.			1	Boxing	2,50,000	
101.			1	Tennis	2,50,000	
102.			1	Badminton	2,50,000	
103.			1	Wushu	2,50,000	
104.			1	Table Tennis	2,50,000	
105.			1	Volleyball	1,50,000	
106.			Haryana	1	Para Athletics	2,50,000
107.				3	Football	4,50,000
108.		1		Archery	4,00,000	
109.		Himachal Pradesh	1	Athletics	2,50,000	
110.			1	Taekwondo	2,00,000	
111.		Jammu	1	Power Lifting	2,00,000	
112.			2	Taekwondo	4,50,000	
113.			1	Kickboxing	2,50,000	
114.		Jharkhand	1	Football	2,50,000	
115.		Karnataka	1	Para Swimming	2,00,000	
116.			1	Kayaking & Canoeing	1,50,000	
117.		Kerala	1	Para Athlete	1,00,000	
118.		Madhya Pradesh	1	Para Athletics	1,50,000	
119.		Maharashtra	1	Badminton	2,50,000	
120.			1	Table Tennis	1,50,000	
121.			2	Gymnastics	3,00,000	
122.			1	Archery	1,50,000	
123.			1	Rugby Sevens	1,00,000	
124.			1	Badminton	5,00,000	
125.			1	Wrestling	2,50,000	
126.			Punjab	1	Basketball	1,50,000
127.		Tamil Nadu	2	Football	2,00,000	
128.			1	Table Tennis	10,00,000	
129.			1	Karate	1,60,000	
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131.		Uttar Pradesh	1	Kabaddi	50,000
132.			1	Athletics	2,50,000
133.			1	Power Lifting	1,50,000
134.			1	Athletics	1,50,000
135.			1	Para Canoying and Kayaking	4,00,000
136.				1	Kho Kho
137.		Uttarakhand	1	Karate	1,50,000
138.		West Bengal	3	Athletics	3,26,000

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ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION †*186 FOR ANSWER ON 14.03.2023 'REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTSPERSONS' ASKED BY SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

TOPS Expenditure					
Rs. in Cr					
S.N.	Sports Discipline	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (till 31.03.2022)	2022-23
		Total Sanctioned Expenditure	Total Sanctioned Expenditure	Total Sanctioned Expenditure	Total Sanctioned Expenditure
1	Archery	0.66	0.76	1.29	1.01
2	Athletics	1.25	1.7	2.66	2.04
3	Badminton	1.33	2.14	2.89	1.1
4	Boxing	0.35	1.08	1.37	1.02
5	Cycling	0.17	0.1	0.12	0.32
6	Golf	0	0	0.07	0.17
7	Judo	0	0.14	0.1	0.06
8	Para Sports	3.05	2.57	3.11	2.12
9	Gymnastics	0	0	0.01	0
10	Rowing	0	0.06	0.22	0.19
11	Shooting	1.99	3.05	3.38	2.14
12	Table Tennis	0.63	0.53	0.39	0.81
13	Tennis	0.7	0.78	0.84	0.17
14	Weightlifting	0.37	0.56	0.64	0.8
15	Wrestling	1.84	1.4	1.54	0.9
16	Swimming	0.07	0.7	0.71	0.63

17	Squash	0	0	0	0
18	Hockey	0	0.09	1.59	0
19	Equestrian	0	0	0.03	0.06
20	Sailing	0	0	0.89	0.26
21	Fencing	0	0	0.35	1.86
22	Luge Sports	0	0	0	0
23	Wushu	0	0	0	0
23	Alpine Skiing	0	0	0.17	0
Total		12.41	15.66	22.39	15.64
